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BABY BOOM PRESSURE ON SCHOOLS

A BABY boom in Sandwell means an extra 335 school places must be created over the next two years to cope with demand.

The council is set to start consultation on plans to expand schools in Wednesbury, Smethwick and Tipton, to cover next September's intake, when an extra 110 reception places are needed.

It is also looking at plans to extend and build new schools in the coming years.

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The current issues have arisen as a result of a "significant" rise in birth rates in 2006/07 and an "unprecedented" increase in 2007/08.

Plans

A report to be presented to councillors this week says birth rates are still going up with 350,000 extra primary places needed over the next four years.

Under the new plans extra pupils will be taken on at Wednesbury's Tameside Primary.

In Tipton an extra 20 places will be created at Glebefields Primary and Joseph Turner Primary.

In Smethwick two extra classes will need to be catered for. Uplands Manor Primary in the town will expand to a four form entry, with a £9 million major expansion planned for Shireland Hall Primary.

A further 225 extra places will also be required in September 2012.

Councillor Bob Badham, cabinet member for children and families, said: "Demographic changes are taking place and we need a long term strategy to deal with it."

Help for families choosing schools – see page 3

Concern as poor students face cuts

MORE than 10,000 of the poorest students in the Black Country will lose out on millions of pounds in grants as a result of Government cuts, says council bosses.

In Sandwell, 6,010 young people aged 16 to 18 will lose out on payments that could total more than £6 million a year. And in Dudley 4,277 students will lose out on £4 million.

Young people whose families earn less than £21,000 a year have been eligible for grants of £30 a week under a scheme in place since 2004 to help them stay on at school.

Earn

The "earn as you learn" plan was introduced by former education secretary Charles Clarke to tackle the UK's high post-16 drop out rate.

A full-time student, studying 36 weeks a year, could net £1,080 a year in Educational Maintenance Allowance. However, as a result of the coalition cuts the scheme will be scrapped.

Current claimants will be able to pick up cash until the end of the financial year but no new students will be accepted.

Councillor Bob Badham, Sandwell's education boss said he was "immensely sad and disgusted" that the allowance is to be discontinued.

He added: "This will have a big impact."

Commons will hear education fears

SANDWELL schools will be discussed in Parliament this week, after shadow education secretary Andy Burnham visited Wodensborough Community Technology College.

It is set to get £18 million Building Schools for the Future project cash, but there are rumours there may be further cuts to education budgets. Currently three Sandwell schools – Alexandra High School and Sixth Form Centre, Tipton; Oldbury College of Sport, Oldbury, and Wodensborough High, Wednesbury – all have projects due to start next year.

Contracts are still to be finalised and signed off, despite preparatory work starting on some sites.

Mr Burnham, who toured Wodensborough's Hydes Road site, said : "When I was given this role by Ed Miliband I was determined I would come to Sandwell as it has been on the front line when it comes to fighting cuts.

Outcry

"Although Michael Gove said this project was unaffected in the summer, there are rumours of further cuts and people feel as though they have been felt in limbo. In my view it would be immoral to cut funding now. I will be talking about my trip to Wodensborough in the Commons and will tell the Government it must honour its commitment to Wodensborough and schools like it."

There was public outcry when £138 million was pulled from Sandwell's Building Schools for the Future budget, with nine schemes losing out. Work is already under way at two schools – Holly Lodge, Smethwick and Rowley Learning Campus, Rowley Regis – with the other three told they would be saved as they were in earlier "waves" of the project. In addition to the £18 million expected to go on Wodensborough, £17 million is to be spend on Alexandra High and £20 million on Oldbury College of Sport.

Councillor Bob Badham, Sandwell Council schools chief, said: "There are obviously concerns, things haven't been signed and sealed, however we are expecting all this to happen in December.

"The three schools involved, Alexandra, Wodensborough and Oldbury College of Sport all have schemes that are agreed in principle but what need to happen now is get the legalities and formalities sorted out.

"With all the cuts that are being made it is difficult to 100 per cent confident but we were told these project were all part of wave three and as far as we are concerned that is an approval."

Meanwhile, staff at an Oldbury special school have written to Prime Minister David Cameron in a attempt to get a campaign for improved facilities back on track, by getting the PM in his running shoes. Every teacher at The Meadows Sports College has written to Mr Cameron asking him to take part in an annual race next year, alongside their principal Gordon Phillips.

The 10k event takes place in Carterton, Oxfordshire, in association with RAF Brize Norton, on March 27. The hope is to raise funds for a new sensory garden. Mr Cameron has acknowledged receipt of the letters. Mr Phillips lives in Oxfordshire and Mr Cameron is his MP.

Sport 4 Life manager James Forrest is joined by Children's Fitness Instructor Kate Sanderson and parent Parmjit Kaur, with son Arsan Singh, at Devonshire Infant School.

Sports charity celebrating active families

A SPORTS charity is celebrating after teaching their 100th fitness class to active families in Sandwell.

Sport 4 Life has been offering parent-child exercise sessions since April 2009, with more than 75 families attending the century of classes.

Activities, which take place at a host of borough schools including Devonshire Infant School on Auckland Road, Smethwick, are to suit young children between 18 months and three years. They include parachute games, beanbag challenges, dancing, cheerleading and ball games.

All classes, which are funded by Sandwell Council's Time to Get Active project, are free.

James Forrest, manager of Birmingham-based Sport 4 Life, said: "We are really pleased to have reached the century milestone of classes delivered in Sandwell.

Success

"The project has been a great success, with participants benefitting from a healthier, fitter lifestyle, as well as the chance to get out of the house, make some friends and have a lot of fun."

Katherine Robinson, a spokesperson for Sandwell Council, said the fitness sessions had achieved some great results so far.

"This project has had a real impact on the local community and is particularly appealing to local people as it gives the unique opportunity of allowing families to exercise together," she added.

UFO alert as the 'Dudley Dorito' returns

The Dudley Dorito – has it returned?

A TRIANGULAR UFO dubbed the 'Dudley Dorito' has been spotted in the skies over Sandwell and Birmingham.

Quality inspector Munesh Mistry, aged 21, spotted the object in the sky above his home in Andrew Road, Tipton, at around 10.15pm on Sunday. His sighting comes just weeks after a UFO was spotted hovering over Sutton Coldfield.

That time the triangular object, which was said to be four or five times the size of a commercial airliner, was seen by David Allen from Bendall Road, in Boldmere on November 4.

The sightings have echoes of the Dudley Dorito – named after a triangular snack – which was seen flying over the Black Country during 2007 and 2008.

Silent

Mr Mistry, who spotted the object with his friend Neil Martin, who lives in Wells Close, said: "Me and my closest friend saw an amazing fast-moving and silent craft in the shape of a triangle made up of what appeared to be three lights fly across the sky at a mind boggling speed. We wondered if there were any other reports of a similar sighting."

In February last year a UFO sighting was recorded by Sean Gibbs-Percival over Oldbury.

On April 16 last year builders working at West Midland Safari Park were shocked to see a flying saucer-shaped object soaring above them, while on April 4, two bright orange UFOs shaped like Cornish pasties were spotted flying over Sedgley.

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The service at the newly-refurbished Wednesbury memorial

Paying tribute – four generations of the family of Bertie Harris finally see his name on the Wednesbury war memorial

Warden Joyce Mann with the roll of honour at the The Good Shepherd with St John Church, West Bromwich

Thousands pay respects as revamped memorial is focus for remembrance

THOUSANDS paid their respects to the country's fallen heroes during emotional Remembrance Day ceremonies across the borough.

Crowds stood still in silence across the region at 11am on Sunday to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and to think about those fighting in Afghanistan now.

More than 1,500 people gathered to pay their respects at the newly-refurbished war memorial in Wednesbury, a record turnout for its Remembrance Day celebrations. The memorial honours the 1,060 service people of the town who gave their lives in both world wars.

John Allen from Wednesbury Civic Society said: "I think we had a record turnout because the plinths with the names of the war dead were unveiled. We had got a lot that came from outside Wednesbury. It was very moving."

Willenhall-based Stonemasons W E Jones Memorials designed the tribute and inscribed the names of the fallen on eight granite tablets, divided over four plinths, in addition to the old memorial plaque. They include 623 heroes already included in a book of remembrance and 437 previously unrecorded names uncovered by the Wednesbury War Memorial Group's research over the last five years. The £50,000 monument was funded with £15,000 of collections from fundraisers.

Four generations of one Wednesbury family were among the crowds paying tribute to a much-loved ancestor who died during the Second World War at the new memorial.

It was an emotional moment for 84-year-old May Walker, whose uncle, Lance Corporal Bert Harris died of his injuries, after being hit by a sniper during the D-Day landings in 1944. Mrs Walker was 18 when her uncle died.

Bombing

A roll of honour naming almost 30 victims of the bombing of streets in West Bromwich in 1940 was also unveiled. Both Richard Street South and Oak Road were bombed on November 19, 1940 killing 29 people – the youngest of which was just 13 months. Now a roll of honour with the names and addresses is set to go on display at the Church of Good Shepherd and St John in Bromford Lane. It will be dedicated during a family service at the church next Sunday.

A second roll of honour of honour marking the deaths of soldiers from the parish who were killed during service was also dedicated yesterday.

Margaret Street resident Joyce Mann, aged 69, has spent weeks researching the roll of honour following a conversation with a member of the congregation about the death of a former Guns Village School pupil Vera Care in the bombings. It spurred her on to start researching the deaths of people within the parish who died in the bombings.

The fallen are remembered

VETERANS shared memories and remembered fallen comrades at a remembrance service at Alexandra High School, Tipton.

Black Country and West Midlands ex-service personnel paid tribute at Tipton Cemetery and in the memorial garden in the school on Wednesday.

Doves were released at the school before veterans and pupils read poems and gave speeches in memory of the fallen. The occasion brought back the harrowing scenes of warfare for many.

Arthur Cooper served in the 59th medium regiment of the Royal Artillery as a gunner and signaller. The 86-year-old, of Pelsall, Walsall, survived D-Day and the Battle of Arnhem.

He said: "From the outset we were under fire for 10 weeks in Normandy.

"You never knew if the next day was going to be your last. We saw the slave camps and they were beyond belief.

"The noise was so bad from the shells and the gunfire, I never heard a bird the whole time I was there."

Flags are lowered in tribute to fallen comrades at the memorial garden at Alexandra High School at a memorial service with students and veterans

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Prince Edward with head Caroline Badyal at the Great Barr Q3 Academy

Royal respect

PRINCE Edward visited a new Great Barr school last week – planting a tree as part of a Remembrance Day service.

The Earl of Wessex visited the £30m Q3 Academy, on Wilderness Lane on Wednesday, November 11, to perform its official opening and paid his respects to soldiers who gave their lives in the Second World War.

Arriving by helicopter His Royal Highness met with pupils doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award before the service.

The service saw Reverend Martin Rutter, of St Margaret's Church in Great Barr, give a speech in tribute to the millions who fell during war time.

Veterans, forming a guard of honour lined up in front of the academy's memorial garden as former servicemen raised the flag of The Royal British Legion during a two minute silence.

A crowd of teachers and pupils joined the Prince in silence before a bugler played the Last Post. After the silence, Prince Edward planted a tree in memory of millions who died in both world wars and other conflicts.

Car crashes into garden

A CAR ploughed into the back garden of a Cradley Heath home and smashed into children's play equipment.

Fire crews and ambulance staff were sent to Station Road in Cradley Heath after a crash involving a Ford Puma and an Audi A3.

The Puma careered into the back of a house and smashed into play equipment, just minutes after children had finished playing on it. The Audi veered off the road and into a bus stop and street light. The accident happened at 3.30pm on Saturday.

Firefighter Chris Short said: "One (car) went through a fence into a back garden where some children had just been playing."

John Hawker, for West Midlands Ambulance Service, said: "The two drivers received minor injuries."

Toy service spreading cheer

A CHRISTMAS Tree toy service is hoping to spread festive cheer in Great Barr this winter.

The seasonal service will take place at St Margaret's Church, Chapel Lane, on Sunday, December 5, at 11am.

Residents are asked to take along any unwanted toys andand to gift-wrap and label them with the appropriate age and gender.

Scouts and guides from the area will turn out for a parade before the presents are placed under the tree and distributed to children.

Rev Martin Rutter, said: "We encourage anyone to come along and donate whatever they can. This event aims to help children in the area who aren't so privileged, especially at this time of year when so much focus is on spending a lot of money on extravagant gifts. All presents will be gratefully received, especially by the children."

There will also be a stocking on the tree for any donations towards the work from the Children's Society.

Help for families choosing schools

MANY families have already chosen the secondary schools which they want their children to attend next September.

While year six pupils are rehearsing for their Christmas plays, parents are already looking towards securing their futures at one of Sandwell's 17 secondary schools.

And one man – Sandwell council's Schools Choice Adviser – is on hand to offer advice to parents or carers looking for guidance on an important choice that will shape the rest of their child's life.

Tony Wright is available to help anyone in Sandwell looking for information on how – and where – to apply for a secondary school place for their child. He provides impartial information, advice and guidance to the parents who most need it.

"This is particularly important as more schools begin to run their own admissions processes," said Tony, who is based at Shaftesbury House in West Bromwich. "We also have others offering improved or new facilities and many with new subject specialisms and admissions criteria, so it is essential that parents are as well informed as possible about the application process and the facts about the schools they are interested in."

Championing

Sandwell Council cabinet member for children and families Councillor Bob Badham is championing the schools choice adviser role and urged parents to contact Mr Wright for advice.

"Our School Access team deals with some 8,000 applications for secondary and primary places each year and every one of these families receives an offer of a school place," said Cllr Badham.

"The overwhelming majority of applicants are offered their first or second choice schools, currently standing at 92 per cent.

"Tony's role is to engage with parents and help them to get the best out of the application process and choose the most suitable and realistic school options for their children. I hope people who have any questions or need any help with the application process get in touch with him."

Mr Wright added: "Parents sometimes apply for schools which they may want, but are unlikely to be offered as they don't meet the admissions criteria closely enough.To ensure that they avoid this trap, and make properly informed and realistic choices, it is always advisable to carry out research in good time, visit the schools, ask questions, and carefully consider possible options before putting pen to paper."

Sandwell Council's Schools Access team receives more than 8,000 applications each year from parents who want a place for their child in a Sandwell school-with more than nine out of ten expected to get their first or second choice. This year, Sandwell Council has received around 4,000 applications for secondary school places.

To get in touch with Mr Wright, call 0121 569 8275 or email tony_wright@sandwell.gov.uk.

Smiles for mile

FUNDRAISERS who supported the Sport Relief Mile at Sandwell Valley raised almost £7,000.

Sandwell Leisure Trust and Sandwell Council hosted the Sports Relief event at Sandwell Valley Country Park in March, when more than 300 people took part.

Relief

A total of £6,894.77 has now been collected, which will be spent by Comic Relief to help disadvantaged people in the UK and in the world's poorest countries.

Sandwell Leisure Trust hopes to be involved in the event next year and thanks everyone involved in the Sandwell Valley Mile.

Christmas church fair

A SMETHWICK church is holding a Christmas fair next weekend.

It is being held from 2pm on Saturday, November 27, in aid of the 78 Boys Brigade and 61st Girls Brigade at the Providence Church in Mafeking Road.

Stalls will include bric-a-brac, grocery and refreshments. Proceeds will go towards taking the youngsters on holiday next year.

Borough gains control of park

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MORE than 2,000 people turned up for the official handover of a popular park to the control of Sandwell Council after more than 100 years.

Although in Sandwell, Lightwoods Park and House in Bearwood, was under the control of Birmingham City Council.

But on Saturday it was officially handed back to Sandwell after a lengthy campaign that had been spearheaded by the borough's deputy leader Councillor Steve Eling.

And within minutes of the custodianship coming back to Sandwell, scores of local people had signed up to be members of a Friends of Lightwood Park User Group that it is planned to form over the next few weeks.

Cllr Eling said: "It was a fantastic day and I was staggered by the number of people that turned up to witness the handover.

"It was a clear indication of the feeling of the people of Bearwood who support the campaign to bring it back under the control of Sandwell Council."

The Grade 2 listed house and park have been maintained by Birmingham City Council since 1902, even though it lies well within the Sandwell boundary.

The park and house has fallen into a state of deterioration in recent years but Sandwell Council has big plans to improve them.

It is planned to improve security, provide youth facilities, signs and generally make the park more user-friendly.

To mark the transfer Cllr Eling unveiled new "Sandwell Council Working For You" signs at the park.

Community

Sandwell Cultural Services also held a small community eventfor local residents to come and have a look at the proposals for the park and house.

They could also give their views on setting up a Friends of Lightwoods Park group.

Cllr Eling added: "The people of Bearwood have been increasingly concerned over the delapidated state of the park and near derelict state of the house.

"Coming back under the control of Sandwell is fantastic news and is an opportunity to restore the park and house to its former glory and bring it back into proper use for the local community."

He added: "I am really looking forward to how we can now all work together to achieve something we can all be really proud of."

Cllr Eling at the official handover of Lightwoods Park at Bearwood

College strikes gold

Jennie Cook of the Albion Foundation, Olympian David Moorcroft, Sandwell College principal Val Bailey and sports student Shanequa Richards, from Handsworth, 'Get Set' for London 2012

OLYMPIC athlete David Moorcroft got Sandwell College on track for success when he paid a visit to the £77 million new campus site.

The college has struck gold after becoming the first in the West Midlands to win Get Set Network status in the countdown to London 2012.

The world record-breaking runner was in West Bromwich last week to officially hand over a plaque to principal Val Bailey to mark the college winning a place in the network.

David donned hard hat and hi-vis vest to accompany staff and seven sports students, set to become community sports champions, on a tour of the site.

He said: "Sandwell College should be hugely proud of its achievement in becoming part of the Get set network. I myself am a product of further education and really believe in it. I hope all of the champions go on to be highly successful and are able to combine their sport with their career ambitions."

The visit was scheduled to coincide with Colleges Week 2010. Get Set is the London 2012 education programme for schools and colleges to demonstrate commitment to Olympic and Paralympic values.

Warm response for the fete

A GREAT BARR church autumn fete has raised £850 to help keep parishioners warm over the festive season.

The money raised from the event, which took place at St Margaret's Church, Chapel Lane, on Saturday, will go towards installing a new heating system and replacing the broken radiators.

Rev Martin Rutter, said: "We had a very good day a lot of people came to show their support which is always a pleasing sight to see. We are delighted by the amount of support that was shown, especially because it is so hard to raise funds in this current financial climate. The repairs need to be done immediately to ensure that we are all kept warm over this cold period."

The church will be holding another fundraiser on Saturday, December 4, where special guests, the Phoenix Brass Band will be performing from 7.30pm. Admission is £8 adults and £1 for children, including refreshments.

Jewellery raid charges

TWO men who were arrested on November 10 in connection with a robbery at Jai Jewellers in Cape Hill have been charged with attempted robbery and possession of firearms.

One of them has also been charged with attempted robbery and possession of a firearm in connection with a robbery at Dulhan Jewellers in Walsall on October 13.

Join forces on ramble

SANDWELL Ramblers will be walking with members of West Bromwich Arthritis Care Group in the borough this Sunday, meeting at Tamebridge Station at 9.30am. For further information contact Don or Betty on (0121) 588 3759.

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New hope for Heathens' own home

A FAMOUS speedway club is hopeful that new rules to reduce the noise of bikes will open up possible sites for a track to be built in Dudley.

Powerful silencers are to be added to bikes under International Motorcycling Federation rules from January, reducing engine noise by between six to eight decibels.

Cradley Raising Aid Saving Heathens group hope the move will increase the number of potential sites for a home track for Dudley Heathens – the former Cradley Heathens. The group has been looking for a new track in the borough since Dudley Wood Stadium closed in 1995.

But one of the key problems in finding a new site has been that sites are too close to homes where the noise of bikes could be a problem for residents.

It is hoped the noise reduction will help overcome this problem so a suitable site can be agreed between the team and Dudley Council.

Campaign spokesman Bob Edwards said permission had been given for tracks in Birmingham and Leicestershire and they remained hopeful of securing one in Dudley.

The reduction in noise provided by the new silencers is about half the amount of noise generated.

January

"We are hoping this will open up possible sites in Dudley where noise has been a serious issue. By my understanding these new regulations are definitely due to be put in place in January and as a result all riders will have to abide by them.

"We certainly hope it will at least allow discussion of some other locations."

Mr Edwards said talks with Dudley Council were still continuing and Sandwell Council has also agreed to look at potential sites in the area for a new stadium.

Dudley Heathens have raced at Wolverhampton's Monmore Green stadium and Perry Barr stadium in Birmingham since they reformed last year.

Landlord in bid to save Hill Top pub

A PUB in West Bromwich could be saved from the bulldozers after its landlord stepped in to save it.

Owners of The Spring Cottage pub, on Crookhay Lane in Hill Top wanted to see it demolished and six three-bedroomed houses built. Bosses blame a loss of trade over the last six years as the reason for shutting it down.

However, landlord George Taylor, who has run the pub for three years, has now been told he can take over the pub.

The 37-year-old said: "I am trying to raise that mortgage because I want the pub."

Mr Taylor, who has a 19-month-old daughter Leah, added: "I have got my deposit ready but it is up to the mortgage company, I am trying all I can to keep it open."

He added: "Business has been fair for the last three years. It did go down when the smoking ban came in but it picked back up later.

"I don't think it has gone down enough to sell it off so I want to do everything I can and hopefully it can be saved."

Transform

Developers had previously submitted an application to transform the pub into a convenience store with a licence to sell alcohol but had changed plans to become housing.

Roadside body was a Polish trucker

Bogdan Bartczak

A MAN found dead on a roadside in the Black Country by a passer-by has been named as Polish lorry driver Bogdan Bartczak.

An inquiry was launched after the 57-year-old was found in Darby End, Netherton, two weeks ago. He was travelling through the area with a load of televisions in his wagon after arriving in the country on October 30 at Dover.

His body was found on Vale Road at 6.50am on November 1.There was blood around his nose, an inquest in Smethwick heard. The victim's son, who lives in Poland, identified his father.

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain adjourned the hearing to allow detectives time to investigate.

The lorry was found eight miles away, minus its load, on the Vectra Industrial Estate, off Whites Road, Hill Top.

Detectives are trying to establish the events leading up to his death and how he died.

Tests proved inconclusive in determining a cause of death and officers are keeping an open mind. However, they do believe hijackers robbed the vehicle in another location and drove it to the West Bromwich trading estate where it was dumped.

Contact police on 0345 113 5000.

School gate attack mother is facing jail

A MOTHER of four is facing a jail sentence after an attack on a parent outside a West Bromwich school which left terrified pupils in tears.

Victim Elaine Millerchip was left permanently scarred after being bitten and kicked by her former friend Kerry Hall outside Ryders Green Primary School on the first day of the school term in September.

Hall, aged 26, of Creswolde Street, admitted assault causing actual bodily harm at Warley Magistrates Court last week and was told she faces a jail sentence.

Mr Peter Love, prosecuting, said before the attack the two women had been good friends, both living in Bailey Street in West Bromwich. But there was a fallout between their children which led to animosity between the parents.

On the day of the attack Miss Millerchip, 44, was walking towards the school in Claypit Lane with a friend at about 3pm, on the way to pick her her children.

"Miss Hall approached her and grabbed hold of Miss Millerchip's ponytail," Mr Love told the court.

Hospital

"They ended up on the floor and when on the ground she (Miss Millerchip) was bitten on the shoulder by Miss Hall. She also felt a blow to her head."

A statement by Dawn Ralley, one of the parents who witnessed the attack, stated: "There were lots of children present who were screaming and crying but the assault continued.

"I had to turn away to calm my own young son who was hysterical."

Miss Millerchip suffered injuries to her forehead, bruising and a large bite mark. She went to hospital.

Defence solicitor Rafe Turner said: "There was something of a history to the matter and it came to a head on this date in September.

"The police have been involved on least one previous occasion. "

Hall was bailed and is due to appear for sentencing on November 30.

Service honoured

Geoffrey Morgan, Bill Archer (centre) and Archie Pugh at the presentation evening

A FORMER councillor and Mayor of Sandwell has been rewarded for almost 40 years' service to the community.

Bill Archer, aged 83, represented Wednesbury North ward until last month when he retired due to the ill-health of his wife Freda, 82.

He was the guest of honour at separate presentations held by organisations in the town in appreciation for his dedicated service to the town.

Mr Archer, of Churchfields Road, was presented with a glass decanter and a long service medal by Wednesbury Conservative Club, whose chairman is Geoffrey Morgan.

He received another decanter at a community presentation attended by 200 residents at Wednesbury Rugby Club.

Chairman of Wednesbury Conservatives, Archie Pugh, said: "It is my honour this evening to express our gratitude to Bill for his 36 years of distinguished service to the community and loyalty to the Conservative Party."

A by-election to fill the vacant Wednesbury North seat is due to be held.

Mr Archer said: "I have enjoyed it being councillor. The highlight was when I was mayor in 2005."

Benefits fraud woman jailed

A MOTHER from West Bromwich has been jailed for 10 months after fraudulently claiming more than £30,000 in benefits.

Christine Evans, aged 54, of Stephens Road, West Bromwich, claimed to be a single parent but failed to tell the authorities that her Turkish lorry driver partner was living with her.

She admitted one count of failing to declare a change in circumstances between May 2000 and April 2008. and one count of fraud between May 2008 and April 2009.

Wolverhampton Crown Court, sitting in Brierley Hill, heard that Evans was receiving income support and housing benefit.

Judge Nicholas Webb said: "This is a fraud on the taxpayer.

Cheating

"It is also cheating members of the public who are paying their taxes or properly claiming the benefit they are entitled to."

Evans had been in a relationship with Zatto Lallar since 1997, and records showed he was registered as living in the same house.

Due to his work, Mr Lallar would be away from home for long periods and would often go back to Turkey, said Mr Gurdeep Garcha, prosecuting.

But Mr Trevor Meegan, defending, said that Evans had been "living in fear" of her partner, who would regularly beat her.

From 1997 to 2000 Evans stopped claiming income support while Mr Lallar was living with her regularly. But in 2000 she made a fresh claim.

Mr Meegan said Evans, had "relatively low intelligence" and did not realise she was breaking the law.

Wounded soldier is to run 52 marathons

A SOLDIER from Tipton who suffered severe burns when his tank was petrol-bombed in Iraq is set to show he has taken his terrible injuries in his stride by running 52 marathons in a year.

Super-fit Karl Hinett, aged 23, aims to complete the amazing feat of endurance by running one a month to raise money for the burns unit at Selly Oak Hospital in Birmingham.

Karl Hinett

The 23-year-old, whose family live in Hawthorne Road, Tipton, said: "I suppose I am a glutton for punishment."

Mr Hinett was a teenaged private when he suffered 37 per cent burns to his hands, legs, arms and face during an attack by a mob. It happened during a tour of duty in Basra with the former Staffordshire Regiment in 2005.

Horrifying pictures of the gunner and his comrades being engulfed in flames as they climbed out of their blazing Warrior tank were screened across the world.

Mr Hinett, who has since been medically discharged from the Army, has lost count of the number of operations and skin grafts he has undergone at Selly Oak Hospital.

But he illustrated his determination to overcome the wounds by having the word "unscarred" tattooed on his stomach, proving that his spirit was not broken. His recovery amazed doctors and now he aims to show his gratitude for their medical skill by raising money for the hospital unit where he was treated.

Mr Hinett, now living in Dudley, has since trained as a gym instructor and developed a love of distance running after completing the London Marathon in 2007.

Offenders pay community back with their labour

ALMOST 2,000 hours of unpaid work has been carried out by offenders in Sandwell during a six-week crackdown on crime.

As part of the Safer 6 campaign, which came to an end on Sunday, a total of 1,850 hours of Community Payback has been carried out in Tipton, Wednesbury, Oldbury and Smethwick.

The work was carried out for free, but if they had been paid the minimum wage it would have cost £11,000.

Work carried out included clearing areas of rubbish and undergrowth in Cupfields Avenue, Cotterills Road and Park Lane East in Tipton, and ground clearance work at Wednesbury Rugby Club.

Ground has also been cleared in areas of Oldbury and Smethwick, including Rose Avenue, Birch Road, Pavilion Avenue, The Oval and Clay Lane, where they also removed graffiti.

Painting work was carried out at Ebenezer Church, Langley.

Monitored low-risk offenders carry out Community Payback as part of community sentences received at court.

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Patient died after a tumble

THE death of a patient after a heavy fall at a West Bromwich care home was the result of an accident, a coroner has ruled.

Paul Roach, aged 39, landed so forcefully that several ribs broke and severed an artery.

Mr Roach was living at St Andrew's Court in Beeches Road, which caters for people with mental health problems, when the accident happened on August 1.

Staff nurse Lucy Richards, who was in charge that day, had given Mr Roach his medication during her morning round as normal. Less than 15 minutes later a patient raised the alert that Mr Roach had fallen on the patio.

Nurse Richards told the inquest in Smethwick that when she rolled Mr Roach on to his back and called to him, he did not respond.

Dr Suhail Muzaffer, of Birmingham's City Hospital, who carried out the post mortem, said Mr Roach had suffered multiple fractures, including several broken ribs which had torn into a main artery. He died of massive internal bleeding.

Dr Muzaffer described diabetic Mr Roach as tall and heavily built. He had fallen "forcefully" possibly following a dizzy spell so that he was unable to break the fall.

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain said he was satisfied that Mr Roach did not have any enemies at the home and recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Jail for man who sold stolen cars

A MAN from Tipton has been jailed for 15 months for his part in a scheme to sell stolen cars.

John Keenan helped market the cars worth thousands which had been taken from a depot in Warwickshire.

His only reward was £100 for each of three cars, which were sold for a total of £29,000.

Keenan, aged 49, of Cherry Road, pleaded guilty to possessing criminal property and fraud by forging a signature in a log book.

Court

He was jailed at Worcester Crown Court last week.

Mr Charles Hardy, prosecuting, said 31 cars were taken in November 2008 from Long Marston.

The court heard that months later a VW Passat and two VW Gold Sports were advertised in a trade magazine.

Mr Hardy said buyers paid cash but found the vehicles were not registered with the DVLA when they applied for the log books. Keenan was traced after his fingerprint was found on one of the documents.

Miss Sharonjit Bahia, defending, said Keenan had a problem with alcohol and was desperate for help.

Theatre taster

A YOUTH theatre company in Great Barr is to host a free taster workshop.

Harlequin Youth Theatre and Dance Academy's event is at Great Barr Methodist Church on Saturday, November 20. Call 0121 358 4727.

Sarah Wylde, baby girl Grace Wylde and Sarah's mother Marie Ward

Mother praises birth centre

AN Oldbury woman's baby was among those born in the first six months of Birmingham City Hospital's new birth centre.

Sarah Wylde, who is blind, gave birth to daughter Grace in the Serenity Midwifery Birth Centre – one of 352 babies born there.

The 24-year-old lost her sight at the age of 17 when she suffered glaucoma.

"Obviously I had a very different birthing experience compared to someone who can see," she said. "I was quite apprehensive about giving birth but everyone at City Hospital made me feel comfortable and confident which gave me strength to have a natural water birth."

The Serenity unit, located near to the delivery suite on City Hospital site, is designed for mums-to-be who are classed as low-risk. As well as glaucoma, Miss Wylde, who gave birth in August, has limited mobility due to arthritis.

Lead consultant Kathryn Gutteridge said: "Sarah gave birth without a great deal of help and she was able to receive her baby into her own hands in the water, with her family nearby. We were all absolutely delighted for the family."

'Superman' punches man on a dancefloor

A REVELLER from West Bromwich dressed as Superman punched another Halloween partygoer in the face because he thought he was being taunted for looking "sweaty" in his costume.

Joel Richardson had donned the iconic blue and red suit for a booze-fuelled evening at a Walsall nightspot. But festivities turned sour when the 23-year-old took offence at a jibe on the dancefloor.

He thought people were commenting that the heavy costume he was wearing was making him sweaty and smelly, Walsall Magistrates Court heard.

The clubbers had, in fact, been commenting that someone had broken wind, prosecutors told the hearing.

Mr Van French, prosecuting, said: "Scott Wells was out celebrating Halloween and found himself in Insomnia in the early hours. He was on the dance floor when another guest at that nightclub passed wind, which led to a comment about it.

"Mr Wells then found himself being confronted by Superman. Superman said to him 'oh yeah?'

"Mr Wells was then punched in the face. He was taken outside where police on patrol were told Superman had just carried out an assault. Door staff were asked to check and found Superman and brought him to the front door."

Unemployed Richardson, of Ruskin Street, in West Bromwich, was arrested and taken to a police station.

Oh Superman! Joel Richardson

Injuries

Doctors found Mr Wells had suffered swelling and bruising and was having difficulty opening his eye. He was forced to take time off work due to his injuries.

In court last week, Richardson, of Ruskin Road, West Bromwich, admitted one count of assault causing actual bodily harm.

The court heard he had drunk at least 10 drinks that night.

Mr Rafe Turner, defending, told JPs: "My client was in quite a heavy suit, the material of which caused him to sweat and there were some comments made that were somewhat derogatory in his direction. He says he has no recollection of what is being suggested that somebody broke wind."

Magistrates ordered Richardson to carry out 50 hours of unpaid work. He must also pay £85 costs and £50 compensation.

Bid to block alley

AN alley in Wednesbury is set to be gated off in a bid to stamp out yob behaviour.

Housing bosses want to block off the access way linking Cobham Road with School Road, which has become plagued by gangs and fly-tipping.

Now Sandwell Homes has applied to the borough's planning department for permission to block off the alley following complaints from residents.

The application states: "The residents of Carrington Road, Cobham Road and Dorsett Road adjacent to the access way have reported incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour emanating within this area. They have requested that Sandwell Homes install gates at either end.

"There have been a number of incidents where unknown youths are congregating in the access way causing damage to property, drinking alcohol, fly-tipping, riding of mopeds, lighting fires and generally being rowdy.

"This has had an adverse effect on quality of life and damage to property."

It is proposed to erect the gates at each end of the access way on School Road and Carrington Road.

Change is key

Brian Symonds and Mak Ubhi from Pegasus Innovation Ltd

A NEW invention has unlocked a brighter future for a 20-year-old West Bromwich engineering firm that was on the brink of closure.

Clive Phillips, of Pegasus Innovations Ltd in West Bromwich, happened on the idea of a keyless padlock as his daughter Helena's horse had a knack of opening its own stable door. And the Greets Green Road company now looks set to increase sales by five times and create 12 new jobs.

Mak Ubhi, head of the company, said: "We were faced with change or go down. I asked Clive to work for me, and he said he had an idea he was working on so we looked at it together."

The company came up with a keyless padlock and keyless button bolts to solve the age-old problem of locking the stable door without needing to carry a heavy bunch of keys around fields.

Body in suitcase killer is jailed for life

A FORMER Black Country man has been jailed for life for the "honour killing" of a 20-year-old woman whose body was discovered in a suitcase in Birmingham.

Banaz Mahmod was strangled at her home in London in January 2006 after she fell in love with a man disapproved of by her family.

Omar Hussain, aged 32, formerly of Messenger Road, Smethwick, and Mohammed Ali, 30, formerly of Northbourne Road, Brixton, were found guilty of murder and jailed at the Old Bailey last week.

Ali was told he must serve at least 22 years behind bars and Hussain was given a minimum term of 21 years.

Buried

After the murder, Banaz's body was taken to Birmingham. It was later found in a suitcase buried behind a house in Handsworth Road.

In a letter handed to police weeks before she died, Banaz had named Hussain and Ali as men "ready and willing to do the job of killing me".

Her uncle, Ari Mahmod, and father, Mahmod Mahmod, were jailed for life, along with Mohamad Hama, for her murder in 2007.

Sardar Mahmood, aged 27, of Messenger Road, Smethwick, was found not guilty of kidnap, threats and perverting justice and was discharged.

Safer 6 hailed a big success

SIXTY nine people were arrested during a six-week crackdown on crime in Sandwell.

The Safer 6 campaign arried out across the borough's six towns has now been hailed a "huge success".

Safer 6 was carried out between September 27 and November 7 and saw the police, council and partner agencies joining forces in an effort to target criminals.

During the campaign there were an extra 1,669 hours of police patrols, while an additional 583 hours of council warden patrols were also completed.

Payback

Figures show that offenders completed 1,850 hours of "community payback", while police executed 25 warrants, stopped 223 vehicles for offences and seized 71 vehicles.

There were also seven confiscations of illegal cigarettes, 45 alcohol seizures and 173 fixed penalty notices handed out for littering.

In addition, six shops out of 77 were found to have sold alcohol to underage volunteers and now face fines, prosecution and licence reviews.

Chief Inspector Paul Betts, of Sandwell police, said: "This is the first time we have held a joint operation on this scale and it proved to be a huge success."

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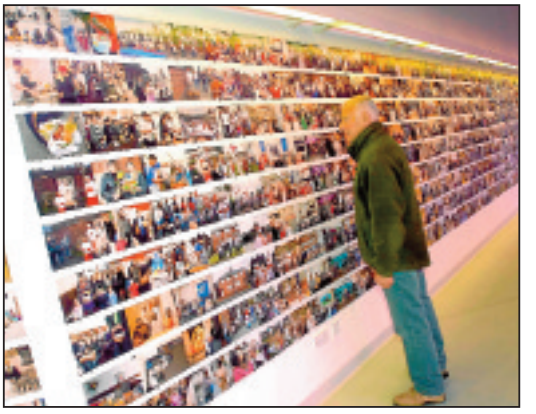
Examples of Magnum photographer Martin Parr's work in the Black Country including Booze Cruise, capturing the revels during a bus trip around Black Country's famous pubs; and the process of making sticks of rock at Teddy Gray; s confectionery manufacturer in Dudley



A member of the public looks at photographer Martin Parr's exhibition at West Bromwich depicting life in the Black Country; Below, Martin Parr with one of his photographs

Focus on the Black Country

Students Charlie Bence, Sean Smith and Thomas Heyes with their pictures being displayed as part of the exhibition at The Public

A NEW exhibition charting unique aspects of Black Country life has opened in Sandwell.

Acclaimed photographer Martin Parr was commissioned by West Bromwich arts centre The Public to spend a year documenting diversity of culture in the Black Country, as well as the more traditional facets of the industrial towns.

Despite his extensive experience of charting life in UK towns and cities, it was the first time that the 58-year-old Martin had photographed the Black Country.

West Bromwich community arts agency Multistory was heavily involved in the project, called Black Country Stories, which has yielded more than 650 images now on display in a free-to-see exhibition.

Each visitor to the display will be given the opportunity to vote for their favourite six photos – the most popular of which will remain in The Public's collection.

To accompany the photographs Multistory also created an archive of audio recordings to bring the renowned Black Country sense of humour to life.

Martin, who works for international photography company Magnum, said the Black Country project was too good to turn down.

"When Multistory contacted me to ask if I might be interested in doing a photographic commission in Sandwell, I could not say yes fast enough," he said.

"With its famous industrial past, there was going to be an inevitable decline in the area, but what I had not counted on was the revitalisation that the many immigrant groups have brought to the area."

Other work from Martin can be found in numerous international collections including the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris, the Paul Getty Center of Los Angeles, MOMA (Museum of Modern Art) in New York and San Francisco, the Los Angeles County Museum and the Tate Modern on London's Southbank.

During the last year the Surrey-born photographer has also mentored local students and teaching staff at the Photography Department at Sandwell College for their own project, Show Me A Secret, which is exhibited alongside Black Country Stories. He encouraged students and staff to use their local area as an inspiration to create a series of photos to be produced as a book.

Emma Chetcuti, director of Multistory, said: "When we thought about developing this project, Martin Parr was the obvious choice. It has been a fantastic experience working with Martin and the project has developed and expanded in some really exciting and surprising ways as Martin has uncovered more stories for us to celebrate and document."

Linda Saunders, managing director of The Public, added: "Martin Parr's exhibition is not only a fascinating portrayal of everyday community life, it also plays a significant educational role, teaching the audience about the cultural makeup of such a diverse region."

The exhibition runs until January 23, when the archives be donated to Sandwell Library.

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Rhydian is coming home

WELSH star baritone Rhydian Roberts is looking forward to coming "home" to Birmingham to make his big time stage debut in an epic production of War of the Worlds at Birmingham National Indoor Arena.

Rhydian, who found fame in the 2007 series of The X Factor, was a drama and music student in the city for six years, living in Edgbaston and attending the prestigious Birmingham Conservatoire.

The 27-year-old who now lives in Cardiff says his success is due to to his training in opera and drama in Birmingham rather than The X Factor.

"The X Factor is a just a bubble, all hype. You need good grounding and training to be a success in this career because it only gets harder," the singer told The Chronicle.

He is not too impressed with this year's crop of X Factor hopefuls but chooses to be diplomatic: "It's not for me to quash their dreams."

Wagner

However, he does have two favourites – teenager Cher Lloyd, who he reckons has star quality, and singing decorator Matt Cardle.

Rhydian on The X Factor three years ago

As for the Black Country's Brazilian eccentric Wagner: "Love him but it is farce. Dressed up as a 70s porn star. It is supposed to be a singing competition."

He described his involvement in The X Factor as a calculated risk, balancing public exposure with his intention to be accepted as both a pop and classical singer. It has been a success, he sold more than half a million copies of his debut album and has worked with his music heroes, including composer Karl Jenkins and fellow Welsh baritone Bryn Terfel.

But Rhydian revealed that his third album, which he is currently recording and is due out in February, will be more rock and pop orientated: "I love Bowie, Freddie Mercury, Tina Turner, so think 1980s and 'new wave'."

In Jeff Wayne's spectacular War of the Worlds, at the NIA on December 9, Rhydian will be playing Parson Nathaniel, a clergyman who rejects God after the alien invasion and takes on a demonic character. He will be appearing alongside Jason Donovan, Atomic Kitten's Liz McClarnon and Justin Hayward, whose Forever Autumn was the big hit from the original 1978 concept album.

The War tour will be visiting several countries and Rhydian, who still regularly visits Birmingham for singing and drama lessons, is relishing his big dramatic role. He has loved musical theatre ever since the days he appeared alongside other students in shows at Birmingham's Crescent Theatre. He went on to study musical theatre at London's Royal Academy of Music.

"I have been offered West End roles, including Joseph, but it is too much of a commitment eight shows a week for a year or more. However, when I am older I would love to play The Phantom."

Rhydian as Parson Nathaniel

He will be back in Birmingham as Hayley Westenra's guest at her Christmas Wishes concert at the Symphony Hall on December 19 and delighted to be back at the venue with "the best acoustic in Europe".

He added: "When you see the Symphony Hall from the choir seats beside the organ, it is spectacular."

He will be returning to his adopted home city again next summer to star in Queen musical We Will Rock You at Birmingham Hippodrome (July 5 to August 6).

Rhydian said: "I was originally down to do Cardiff but as soon as I saw it was playing Birmingham as well I asked to be involved."

"All of my friends are from Birmingham, it feels like home."

Leon Burakowski

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Town road to be shut for months

PART of a busy road in the centre of Oldbury has closed for 10 months for the construction of a £2.6 million office block for start-up businesses.

McKean Road closed from its junction with Bromford Road to the junction with Broadwell Road on Monday for the work to take place near the roadside.

The development to house start-up businesses could create hundreds of jobs with offices for 250 people.

Swindon-based Pure Offices will lease the site, a former petrol station, from Sandwell Council after construction is finished.

The road will be reopened when the work is completed – expected to be next September.

But it is possible the section of road could remain closed for longer dependng on how the work progresses.

Access

Councillor Mahboob Hussain, who lives on McKean Road, said the closure should not hamper motorists unduly.

He said: "I do not think it will create any traffic problems.

"It is quite a small section of the road that will be affected.

"I understand the closure will not affect the industrial premises nearby as drivers will still have access to them."

Gloucester-based Barntwood Construction will carry out the construction work and will advertise subcontracting opportunities online through the council's website at www.finditinsandwell. co.uk.

Anyone who wants more information about the works should call Beaumont Traffic Management on 01527 821322.

Young carers' base is to get a facelift

A BASE for young carers in West Bromwich is set for a £20,000 facelift thanks to a boost from borough businesses.

Sandwell Young Carers in Bratt Street will have 17 rooms repaired and decorated and a boiler replaced.

The work on the building will be paid for by Sandwell Decent Homes Partnership, which is made up of Vinci Facilities, Wates Living Space, Lovell Partnerships, and Thomas Vale Construction, Sandwell Council Urban Design, Think Local Construction and Rider Levett Bucknall.

Tracey Smith, Carers chief executive, said it was "a fantastic gesture and we are genuinely delighted.

"It is a very difficult time for the voluntary sector at the moment and what money we do have we need to use for the support and services we offer directly to young people.

Welcoming

"This help will enable them to attend a warm and welcoming facility for many years to come."

As a registered charity, funds go towards support for children who care for ill or disabled relatives. It helps carers socialise with children their own age despite spending time looking after family members and carrying out chores.

John Clayton, partnership investment director, said: "The least we can do is make it a nicer place for them."

The partnership are offering resources, workers' time and expertise for free and will also foot the bill for the boiler between them.

The group's supply chain will also help with the refit with Johnstones providing all the paint needed for free.

Art on show at library

From left, artist Jack Davies, library supervisor Lindsay Powell and artist Carol Biddle with some of the work on show at Langley Library, Oldbury

ARTISTS from the Black Country are showcasing their work at an Oldbury library until January.

The Maurice Ryman group is exhibiting around 50 paintings from its sessions at Langley Library, on Barrs Street, until January 8.

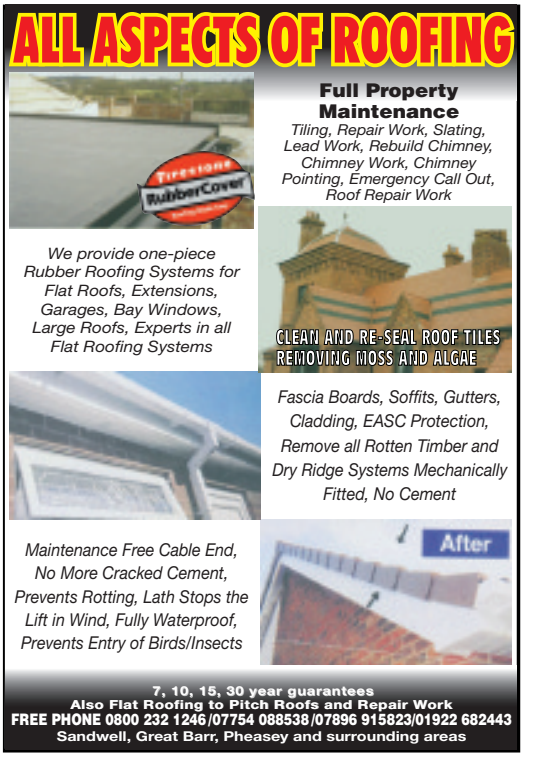
The pieces include watercolours, oils and pen and ink drawings – all on sale from prices starting at £5.

Landscapes

The group, which meets at the Salvation Army centre in Pound Road, Oldbury, is showing a range of works featuring street views, rural landscapes, canalside scenes and seaside scenery.

Lindsay Powell, library supervisor, said: "This is the sixth year the group has exhibited here and it's always proved to be a popular event.

"It's obvious from the paintings we've got some real talents here."



Ex-PCSO in 'sickening' attack on pet bulldog

A FORMER police worker was spared a jail sentence despite being caught on a CCTV camera kicking his dog three times in a "sickening" attack.

Ex-Police Community Support Officer Scott Marsh, of Wesley Court, Cradley Heath, pleaded guilty to inflicting violent trauma on his American bulldog called Sasha in June.

Marsh was captured on CCTV in the lift at the block of flats where he lived kicking Sasha three times, Warley Magistrates Court heard last week.

Mr Nick Sutton, prosecuting on behalf of the RSPCA, said: "The dog appears to be cowering before even entering the lift.

"In fairness to the defendant, he admitted the matter in interview when contacted by the RSPCA six days after the offence. He said he did it out of frustration. He said however it was not like he was kicking a football, more like pushing him with the soul of his shoe."

The CCTV footage showed Marsh hauling the dog by its lead. He then kicks the dog, with contact to its head.

Marsh can then be seen to hit the dog's head with what appears to be his knee before, around 30 seconds later, lifting the dog off its legs before kicking it again.

American bulldog Sasha is now with a new family

Drunk

The court heard how the dog appeared to have urinated in the lift out of fear.

Marsh told police he was drunk at the time.

Mr Parminder Hayre, defending, said: "He is ashamed and disgusted. He had been going through personal problems, he had lost his partner and could not see his two children.

"He had held his dream job as a police community officer but some allegations were made against him. Though they were not proven, he lost his job.

"Mr Marsh apologises to the court as he says he did not know what he was doing."

District Judge Graham Wilkinson said: "Anybody who sees this footage will be sickened. It is a substantial kick. There are no excuses for it."

Marsh was given a 12-month community order and told he must do 80 hours unpaid work. He was ordered to pay the RSPCA's legal costs of £992 and disqualified from owning a pet for seven years.

Sales to plug tunnel gap

PROFITS from the sale of surplus land and buildings near the new road tunnel in Tipton are set to be spent plugging a £78,000 deficit.

The Owen Street underpass was completed in January to improve traffic flow through the town. Traffic is now able to travel under the West Coast Main Line, where before drivers previously had to wait at the level crossing on Owen Street for up to 40 minutes out of every hour.

A report says there is a £78,000 funding deficit for the scheme.

The report to Sandwell Council says it is planned to sell off surplus land, which was not incorporated into the project, to help tackle the shortfall.

The report which went to Councillor Derek Rowley and Cllr Ian Jones says it is planned to dispose of the freehold interest in land and premises previously acquired as part of the Owen Street level crossing relief road.

It says: "Number 77 Alexandra Road, a three bed residential property, and the former Dolmac premises on Alexandra Road were acquired as part of the scheme but were not affected by the proposals in their entirety. Consequently the remaining land (and premises) are now considered surplus to highway purposes. The council has no future plans to utilise the premises concerned and in the circumstances it is recommended that they be offered to the open market for sale.

"If this course of action is pursued it is proposed that part of the capital receipt from the sales be utilised to contribute toward the outstanding funding deficit for the scheme, which currently stands at £78,000."

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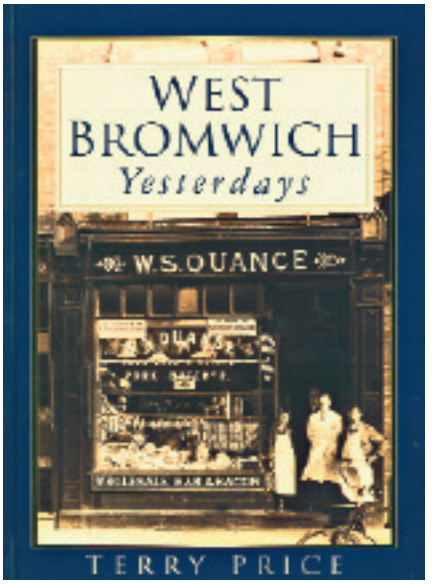

Back to the old school

IN our third look at West Bromwich historian Terry Price's nostalgic feast of images from his town's past, we look at schooldays from yesteryear.

This is just a selection of the photographs highlighting memories of West Bromwich from the late Victorian period to the 1980s.

Pictured clockwise from top left: Cronehills Secondary Technical Girls' School visit MP John Dugdale at the Houses of Parliament, circa 1948; art class at Spon Lane Secondary Modern Boys' School, circa 1954; how would health and safety like this... pupils at George Salter Secondary Modern building their own classroom in 1955; Claremont Secondary Modern girls on an outing in 1961, including (back left) arts and crafts teacher Muriel Reay; Guns Village Junior School football team, circa 1949; Beeches Road Infants and Junior School, circa 1935.

Where known, the names of those pictured are listed in Mr Price's book.

Terry Price's West Bromwich Memories. The hardback book is in a limited edition of 2,500 and will not be available in paperback. The author is selling them for the introductory price of £9.99. To buy a copy contact Mr Price on 01922 635891.

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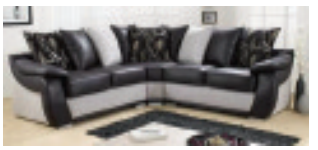

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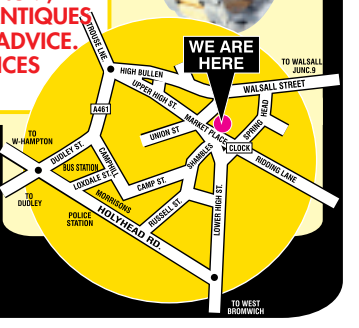

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At the Balaji Temple is Jo Proudler, community fundraiser for the hospice, with Dr Kandiah Somasundara-Rajah and Dr Narayan Rao from the temple

Coins donated to hospice

WORSHIPPERS at a Sandwell temple have shown bags of generosity to a Birmingham hospice.

The Balaji Temple in Oldbury has handed 30 large bags of foreign coins donated by devotees from around the world to Birmingham St Mary's Hospice.

The bags contain currency from all four corners of the globe, from Canadian dollars and Euros to Indian rupees, collected over 15 years and were originally intended to go towards the building of the main temple.

Developers of the series of Hindu shrines off Dudley Road East found themselves stuck with the coins after local banks declined to convert them to pounds sterling.

However, a solution was found when temple trustee and treasurer Dr Kandiah Somasundara-Rajah spotted an advert in Birmingham St Mary's Hospice's fundraising news publication appealing to people to donate unwanted foreign currency.

Hospice staff said they were delighted with the donation.

Reunion plan for Snowdon adventurers

A CALL has gone out to old boys and girls who stayed at one of Sandwell's residential centres between 1958 and 1980 to take part in a reunion.

In May 1958 the Plas Gwynant Adventure School opened at the foothills of Mount Snowdon in North Wales. On May 16, 1958, a group of 30 boys from the former Hill Top Secondary Modern School in West Bromwich were the first visitors after it was bought by the then West Bromwich Council.

Since then tens of thousands of Sandwell pupils have been to the centre which offers a complete range of supervised outdoor activities.

In those days conditions were more basic and the visitors started each day with an early morning wash in a nearby river and activites included chopping down trees.

But since those spartan times the activity centre has changed beyond recognition and underwent a massive refurbishment in 2000. It now offering a complete range of outdoor activities including mountaineering, canoeing and trekking.

Thrill

Centre spokeperson Debbie Hughes said: "One thing that has not changed is the thrill and buzz the children get from coming here, the confidence gained from facing outdoor challenges and the broadening of their horizons."

The centre missed celebrating its 50th anniversary but now it is planned to hold a reunion next June to commemorate its 53rd year of offering the complete outdoor experience to Sandwell children.

Debbie said: "We are planning to hold a reunion weekend on June 10, 11 and 12 next year. Over the years there must have been tens of thousands of both boys and girls who stayed here. We would love to hear and see some of the people who stayed here between 1958 and 1980. I am sure they would be staggered by the changes that have taken place to Plas Gywnant."

She said they were looking for any memorabilia and photos with a view to putting together a display and presentation that would be held on the Saturday evening.

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The crafty calendar girls from Bare-wood

CALENDAR girls from Bearwood have stripped off to raise more than £6,000 for charity

The women, who either work or go to classes at the Crafty Corner shop in Sandon Road, have even had to get another batch of the nude calendars printed.

Recently they handed over £6,000 to Birmingham Children's Hospital and say the money is still pouring in.

Ann Link, 56, and her daughter Jess came up with the idea for the bare-all calendar and thought they would have to do some arm-twisting to get their friends to agree to the idea.

However, once the ladies realised it would raise money in memory of three-year-old Ethan Marshall. who died in May last year from a congenital heart condition, they were inundated with volunteers.

All of the ladies involved either work at Crafty Corner in Sandon Road, Bearwood or go to the arts and crafts classes that are held there every week.

Ann Link, who owns Crafty Corner, says: "Since the shop started 12 years ago we have done a lot of things for charity but wanted to do something a bit different. Ethan's grandma June Round attends classes at Crafty Corner and also bared all for the calendar. We've handed over more than £6,000 to the hospital but we are still selling the calendars.

"While we were at the hospital we did a tour and went on to the children's ward. It was very moving to speak to the parents and children."

To get a calendar visit Crafty Corner, 134 Sandon Road, Bearwood or call Ann Link on 07979 358 332. Visit www.justgiving .com/craftycorner to make a donation.

Crafty Corner calendar girls hand over the cash at the hospital

Bogus charity collector does a runner

MARKET-goers in Blackheath have been bothered by cheats posing as deaf people claiming to collect for charity.

A man and a woman, thought to be from the Balkans, have been rumbled for scrounging in the market.

They have been seen taking donations from trusting elderly shoppers.

The pair walked up to passers-by and traders pointing at a clipboard and intimating they were deaf.

But they soon blew their cover when traders used a radio link, called TraderNet, to inform each other what was going on.

They were caught on CCTV taking donations before joining another pair outside the market, who also had clipboards, and chatting before taking the 230 bus towards Cradley Heath.

Councillor Mary Docker, who runs Moonbeam Textiles in the market, said: "It is despicable. These people are the lowest of the low.

"When I approached the woman and asked what she was doing, she ran.

"I had seen she'd collected money from people in the market."

The woman was described as 5ft 2ins, of slim build, with black hair. She was described as wearing a pony tail tied back with a gold clasp, with a 3/4 length mushroom-coloured cardigan, blue jeans and white stiletto heels. The man was described as around 5ft 8ins, of stocky build with black hair. He was wearing a black anorak, tracksuit bottoms and white trainers.

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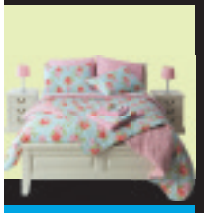
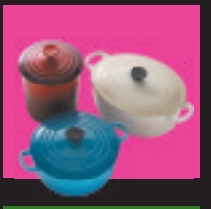

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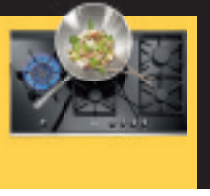

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Progress on big scheme

CONSTRUCTION of the foundations and substructure for the new A41 underpass and roundabout in West Bromwich are on track.

The majority of sheet pile walls in the north east section of the site have now been driven into the ground to form a strong wall that will support the ground while the underpass is constructed.

So that new sewers can run beneath the underpass, some of the piles have not been driven to their full depth, leaving a gap for the pipework.

Once the new sewers have been built, the gap will be filled with concrete to create a strong watertight barrier.

A line of large overlapping holes have been bored into the ground for the foundations for the new bridges that will support the elevated roundabout. These have been filled with reinforced concrete to support the bridge beams.

The method of pile installation reduces vibration to minimise disruption to nearby properties.

In recent weeks there has been visible progress on the ground works, including the construction of foundations for the west overbridge.

Tesco

Sewer diversions on the western side of the scheme have been successfully completed and roadworks have also started in the south-east section of the site at Cronehills. This will enable construction of the new Tesco store to start soon.

Traffic is currently being diverted onto a temporary route through the works so that the old subways can be demolished and filled in, and the main overbridges and pedestrian footbridge constructed. Moving all traffic on to the eastern side of Cronehill's Linkway has allowed the development of the former All Saints Depot site to be carried out at the same time.

To ease congestion through the works, particularly during the rush hour and on Albion matchdays, temporary traffic signals are being used.

Further information on the construction sequence and traffic management is available by visiting the A41 Project website at www.sandwell-a41.co.uk.

Cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods Cllr Derek Rowley said: "It is very pleasing to see the work that is taking place and everything is on schedule. It is a long project but it will be hugely beneficial for drivers in the long run."

School backs national anti-bullying campaign

PUPILS and staff at the Phoenix Collegiate in West Bromwich were highlighting the anti-bullying message this week.

They were taking part this week in Anti-Bullying Week (November 15 - 19), which this year focuses on 'Taking Action Together'.

Joining the Phoenix campaign against bullying, from left, Year 10 pupils Priya Rai and Katie Beasley

It is designed to send out a clear and positive message that bullying is unacceptable in schools and communities.

Each morning during assembly talented students were performing a hard-hitting play to demonstrate the impact that bullies can have on their victims, whilst teachers will be involving classes.

Figures issued by National Anti-Bullying Week claim that one in ten children are "bullied every day", that one in a thouand children leave school due to bullying and that it is the major cause of child suicide

Brian Heavisides, executive head teacher at the Phoenix Collegiate, said: "Being a victim of bullying is extremely distressing and can have a profound long term effect on those who are subjected to it.

"Anti-Bullying Week provides us with the perfect opportunity to reinforce to all of our pupils the seriousness of bullying and the importance of treating fellow classmates and teachers with respect and consideration."

The Phoenix Collegiate is a new Sport, Business and Enterprise College that brings together over 2,000 pupils from the former Manor and Menzies schools. It promises to deliver an exciting and innovative curriculum for 11-19 year olds and operates from both current sites.

Science fiction thriller

A SCIENCE fiction author from Birmingham has published his second novel.

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Hero – Lt James

A SMETHWICK war hero who was awarded the Victoria Cross for his bravery in the First World War will be honoured at the primary school he attended.

Lt Herbert James was born in Ladywood and attended Bearwood Primary school, where he later became a teacher. He also taught at Brasshouse Lane Primary in the town, before leaving to join the army in 1909.

After joining the 21st Lancers at Canterbury, he transferred to the Worcestershire Regiment and in 1915 won the VC at Gallipoli, Turkey, for outstanding acts of bravery.

These included leading two successful counter-attacks against the Turks under intense gunfire and saving a wounded comrade while under attack.

He was the first in his regiment to receive the honour.

Lt Herbert James was also awarded the Military Cross and French honour the Croix de Guerre for his courage.

Major

He continued his military career after the war, serving in the West Indies and rising to the rank of Major. He retired from the army in 1930 and died in London in 1958.

Bearwood School in Bearwood Road is now naming a room in the school The James Room, in his honour, after being told about their heroic ex-pupil by Smethwick Heritage Centre Trust.

Last week there was a special assembly where a plaque was presented to the school.

£289m Metro line backed

THE chief executive of the West Midlands' transport authority insisted today plans to build a £289 million second line of the Midland Metro would still happen.

Geoff Inskip, chief executive of Centro, was responding to a planning inspectors' report which said using old freight lines to run passenger services was "unrealistic".

Remarks were in a report on the Black Country Joint Core Strategy, which was drawn up by the area's four councils as a way of setting out proposals for 60,000 homes by 2026.

But Mr Inskip said it would not derail plans to build a new line between Wednesbury and Stourbridge, going to the Merry Hill shopping centre.

Calls on rubbish flood in

A TELEPHONE line aimed at combating fly-tippers in Sandwell is receiving more than 200 calls a day.

Figures released for October showed there were an average of 223 calls a day to Sandwell Council's litter line. Many callers report fly-tipping but the line also receives inquiries about tip opening times and fridge collections.

West Bromwich grandmother Rosemary Morrall called the number to highlight building materials dumped on a road used by residents in Rydding Lane to access their garages.

She said: "On Monday evening flytippers left a load of bricks, slabs and other materials which blocked that road. I phoned the litter line at 6.30pm and in the next hour the litter team had cleared the road."

Mrs Morrall, aged 68, of lives in Rydding Lane, said the area had become a hotspot for fly-tipping.

Illegal

Sandwell Council's neighbourhoods chief, Councillor Derek Rowley urged residents to report illegally dumped waste. "We will do our best to respond the same day," he said. "Fly-tipping is illegal. The council is responsible for the removal of illegally dumped waste on any council owned or maintained land. All fly-tipping is thoroughly checked and if we are able to recover evidence we will prosecute."

Sandwell Council's litter line, 0845 3597501, is available from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 8.30am to 1.30pm on Saturdays. Or visit the website www. sandwell.gov.uk and follow the links.

Curator to give talk at museum

THE next lecture by the Black Country Society will take place later this month.

It will be held at the Black Country Living Museum, in Tipton Road, Dudley, on Wednesday, November 24, at 7.30pm.

The museum's curator, David Eveleigh, who is also a fellow of the Society of Antiquarians, will give a talk called Bogs, Baths and Basins.

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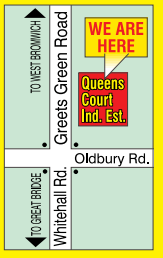

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Her growing taste for all gastronomic delights is down to denturist Mr Buchell.

Dora had endured decades of misery with ill-fitting false teeth.

Formerly of Brierley Hill, Dora retired to West Bay, Dorset. "It took five consultations to sort me out and every round trip was 240 miles, but it was worth every one of them.

"The Park Gate is our favourite place to eat when visiting the Black Country and I adore the lamb. My teeth look natural and I can eat anything now," she says.

What value can you put on the price of smile?

THE butt of every comedian'sjoke since Dick Emery's famous horse-faced vicar sketch, false teeth can be anything but a laughing matter.

Often uwearable, they are dumped in the back of a drawer along with the countless smiles – and confidence – that the rest of us take for granted.

But now, one of a new breed of dental practice experts, is helping those with clumsy choppers face their often-silent embarrassment with fresh hope.

For many, Steven Burchell, who runs the Denture Clinic in North Street, Dudley, is the person troubled denture wearers see when "they feel they have run out of options."

The 43-year-old, one of just a hundred or so registered UK dunturists, is inviting those with problem false teeth to join a national "denture revoltion".

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Deb retires after 30 years on the beat in home town

Leaving for France, PC Deb Clayton

POLICE Constable Deborah Clayton has retired after 30 years service with West Midlands Police in her home town.

Deb, 48, was born in Tipton and spent almost her entire service in the area. She is moving to Brittany in France and plans to open a bed and breakfast with husband Steve, who has recently retired from Stourbridge police station.

Deb became a police cadet in 1978 and joined the full-time constabulary in 1980. She completed her training at Wednesbury before moving to Tipton as a beat officer. She also had a spell as a forensic vehicle examiner with scenes of crime officers at West Bromwich.

There have been many changes during the past 30 years; including the demolition of the old Tipton police station in 2005. Deb remembers that her duties included visiting pubs, off licences and betting offices to ensure that they were complying with their licences, and dealing with anti-social behaviour – although she says it wasn't called that until recently.

Equally the uniform has seen significant changes, when Deb joined police women wore skirts and carried a handbag alongside a six inch truncheon.

They weren't allowed to wear trousers until 1986.

When Deb joined there were no computers, and in some areas of Tipton there were patches where radio communications were poor or non existent.

She said there is much closer working with partner agencies now and more demands on an officer's time, with meetings and paperwork.

During her service Deb appeared on television on a couple of occasions. She was in the BBC series 999 in 1992 when Deb saved a woman's life by carrying out first aid.

Queen

She also held flowers for the Queen during her majesty's visit to Tipton in 1994 for the Tipton City Challenge.

Deb received a Chief Constable's Commendation when she was just 19, following a pursuit of a vehicle carrying stolen metal. She chased it in her own Ford Escort and arrested the offender, who went to prison.

Deb described her career as: "The best job in the world.

"I have had a lovely life and have honestly really loved my career. I have worked with some fantastic people and feel sad to be leaving them.

"I joined the job, following in my father's footsteps – he was a police sergeant at Dudley. It was all I ever wanted to do. I was born in Tipton and lived there for many years. The community are wonderful and I shall really miss them too.

"I would like to thank people in the community, colleagues and others that have made my time so special."

Inspector Dale Randle, from Tipton police station said: "Deb is a fine officer, who will truly be missed.

"She has always taken a great deal of pride in her work and has stayed positive and committed."

Screen test for jobseekers

JOBSEEKERS in the Black Country can look forward to a gleaming future after qualifying as windscreen technicians.

Six young men, who had been unemployed for six months or more, recently completed a new windscreen chip and repair course run by Sandwell College's automotive centre in Oldbury.

Darren Rathbone, aged 22, of Rowley Regis, and Carl Baker, aged 26, of Tipton, were two of the six selected for the course and given the tools of the trade to become their own bosses. They said they had enjoyed learning new skills and now had high hopes for gaining employment.

As part of their Glass Qualifications Authority (GQA) course, the learners were assessed in customer service, completed a health and safety certificate, and were shown how to start up their own business.

All six are now qualified to work as windscreen repair specialists after successfully completing the 75-hour programme.

Sandwell is the first college in the Midlands to be accredited as an approved centre for delivering the GQA course.

The jobseekers have been training as part of a Government-funded initiative.

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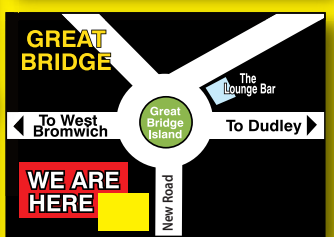

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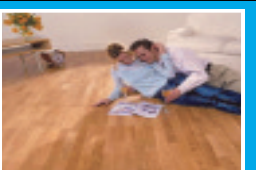

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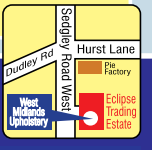

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CLIC Sargent is the Tesco Charity of the Year 2010. The charity partnership aims to raise £5 million to fund CLIC Sargent Specialist Children's Cancer nurses in the UK so children with cancer can spend more time at home and less time in hospital.

With so much choice and convenience, the new Tesco Express is the perfect place to grab a sandwich or stock up on everyday essentials from a range of over 2,500 products and get Clubcard points too. As the famous Tesco logo says: Every Little Helps!

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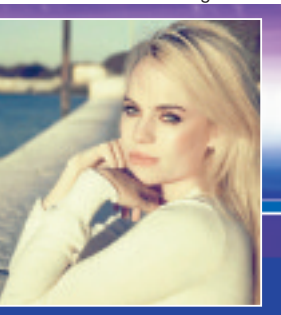

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Those brothers Grimes keep in limelight

Jedward bandwagon keeps rolling

LOVE them or hate them, Jedward have stubbornly refused to fulfil the predictions of those who suggested their moment of fame would be brief after they paved the way for Wagner by being The X Factor act who divided the public.

The Irish twins, John and Edwards Grimes, may be famous for being famous – their musical mix of cover versions and bland pop is hardly earth-shattering – but the Planet Jedward bandwagon rolls on to prestigious Birmingham venue the Symphony Hall on Saturday, November 27. The teens with the gravity-defying quiffs sold out their Irish tour and are likely to be facing a big crowd in Brum. I suspect many will have been attracted by the duo's gauche, immature posturing and won over by their sometimes hilarious TV documented misadventures when they cut the apron strings from mom. It can't be the music . . . can it?

The youngsters' recent appearance on Never Mind The Buzzcocks left one wondering how aware they are that the joke's on them but you can bet they're crying all the way to the bank!

Motorhead . . . Lemmy, Mikkey Dee and Phil Campbell

Motorhead drives into town ready to rock . . .

IF one man has come to epitomise rock 'n' roll it is Motorhead singer and bass player Lemmy.

Over the past four decades few other artists have had such an enduring impact on heavy metal music and, with his 65th birthday approaching on Christmas Eve, Lemmy is rocking harder than ever.

His powerhouse trio (also featuring guitarist Phil Campbell and drummer Mikkey Dee) are in concert at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Wednesday, November 24.

The band's 27th album Motorizer was released two years ago. Their latest album The World Is Yours is due to be released next month.

Rock fans will also get a chance to see the band he belonged to before Motorhead – space rockers Hawkwind – at the Wulfrun Hall in Wolverhampton on December 8.

It's Lemmy's voice that can be heard on their biggest hit, Silver Machine, though lead vocals are now taken by the group's founder, Dave Brock. Lemmy left Hawkwind 35 years ago and one of the last songs he wrote for them, Motorhead, provided the name for his own band.

He features in a new rockumentary DVD about his life, with contributions from celebrity fans that range from Ozzy Osbourne to Jarvis Cocker, that will be released in January.

Lemmy is also the star of the new Kronenbourg 1664 TV ad, singing a slowed down acoustic version of Motorhead's best known song, Ace of Spades.

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Black Country Communion with Glenn Hughes far left

Black Country debut

BLACK Country Communion, the critically acclaimed Anglo-American rock supergroup fronted by Cannock rocker Glenn Hughes, will be making their Black Country debut at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on December 29.

Tickets priced £40 (standing) and £45 (seated balcony) go on general sale on Friday, November 19.

The band feature former Deep Purple and Trapeze singer Hughes alongside top American blues rock guitarist Joe Bonamassa, Dudley-born Jason Bonham (who followed his late father John as drummer with Led Zeppelin) and former Dream Theater keyboardist Derek Sherinian.

Their self-titled debut album has had rave reviews and has gone top of the rock charts.

A show that will get you believin'

CALLING all Gleeks . . . a show designed for fans of cult US TV show Glee brings some 40 songs from the series, ranging from Gold Digger to Vogue, and of course the show's title song Don't Stop Believin', in a homage which – for copyright reasons – can't actually be Glee.

So expect high school kids belting out reworked versions of rock, R & B and show tunes but don't expect the TV characters. It's at Wolverhampton Grand from Monday to Saturday.

Meanwhile, real life couple Juliet Mills and Maxwell Caulfield star in Alan Ayckbourn's comedy Bedroom Farce until its last performance at the Grand this Saturday night.

That festive feeling comes to Birmingham Hippodrome with Birmingham Royal Ballet Ballet's Cinderella, which opens on Wednesday, November 24. BRB Director David Bintley's new production of the classic fairy tale, with music by Prokofiev, marks the company's 20th year based in Birmingham and is on until December 12.

One nighters at Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre continue with tomorrow (Friday), Thank You For The Music, a tribute to the songs of ABBA and The Bee Gees; more nostalgia on Saturday with two and a half hour Fab Four tribute The Magic of The Beatles; on Tuesday

THEATRE

In The Flesh is a tribute to Pink Floyd including light show.

Birmingham Stage Company bring Phillip Pullman's children's fantasy The Firework Maker's Daughter to the stage at Birmingham Old Rep, in Station Street, until November 28.

Gerald Logan performs Shakespeare's narrative poem the Rape of Lucrece, about the impact of the terrible crime on victim and perpetrator, at the Arena in Wolverhampton tonight (Thursday). Abnormally Funny People, a group of disabled comedians, "bring a token non-disabled person to tick that all important diversity box" at the Arena tomorrow (Friday). Punk, terrorism and epic war movie Apocalypse Now collide in 1977 by Volcano Theatre at the Arena on Tuesday night. The women of ancient Greece invoke a sex ban in AOD's Lysistrata on Wednesday and Thursday at the Arena. This modern interpretation of classic Greek drama is not recommended for under-14s.

Comedian Andrew Lawrence brings his 'Too Ugly For TV' tour to Wolverhampton Slade Rooms tonight (Thursday). Comic Paul Sinha, who also happens to be a GP and gay, has a gig at Birmingham Town Hall in association with the Shout Festival on Tuesday.

Birmingham Royal Ballet's Cinderella opens at Birmingham Hippodrome

REVIEWS

I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue, Wolverhampton Grand

A VENERABLE comedy institution came to Wolverhampton on Monday when the crew from Radio 4's 38-year-old spoof panel game I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue convened at the Grand Theatre for a night of inspired silliness.

The touring version of the radio show, the tea time favourite of many a commuter, brought one of the most talented comedy line-ups ever to share the Grand stage, including superbly grumpy chairman Jack Dee in the chair famously long occupied by the late Humphrey Lyttelton, with comedian and crooner Jeremy Hardy, veteran comedy writer Barry Cryer (now available in colour) and former Goodies Tim Brooke-Taylor and Clue's originator Graeme Garden.

ISIHAC is all about witty wordplay with a healthy dose of smut, usually regarding the sadly ever absent scorekeeper the lovely Samantha.

The dedicated fans among the full house audience roared their approval for such rounds as the baffling game Mornington Crescent (now aided by sat-nav), Censored Songs in which a buzzer can make the most innocent song sound filthy, Karaoke-Cokey in which the panel try to identify songs played by the audience on kazoo, and Uxbridge English Dictionary finding new meanings for old words... my favourite being Graeme Garden's 'Cannibalistic', a Geordie rocket.

The evening ended as audience and panel joined together on swanee whistles and kazoos for a poignant version of We'll Meet Again. "Like a party in a care home", added Jack.

Leon Burakowski

Goldfrapp, O2 Academy, Birmingham

THANK goodness Alison Goldfrapp is around to keep the glitter and glam in pop music and, remember, before Gaga there was Goldfrapp.

Entering the stage from an inflated tunnel through a sea of dry ice to the breathy panting of Voice Thing, she shimmered and sparkled in a feathery black and silver poncho. Her outfit fizzed about her as she faced down a gale from the wind machine, which sent her gold curls twisting like Medusa's locks. It was an inspired, otherworldly look utterly in keeping with her glitzy blend of disco and glam rock.

Her partner in Goldfrapp Will Gregory doesn't do live but she was superbly supported by her space-age pyjama-clad band, including keyboards slung like a guitar and electric violin.

The set leaned heavily upon new album Head First, which hasn't quite been the expected success but it was apparent fans are starting to embrace songs like the Fleetwood Mac-ish Dreaming and the perky Believer. That built up to a crowd-pleasing big stomping climax with Ride A White Horse, Train and an ecstatic Ooh La La.

Leon Burakowski

Lee Mack, Going Out, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

A SELECTION of the audience may have felt the brunt of some of Lee Mack's material, but I'm sure like the rest us they would have gone home much happier for the experience. On day 107 of nationwide tour, the cheeky Northern funnyman was on top form throughout a show that seemed to last longer than its hour-and-a-half duration.

The set began with Mack locking an audience member in a box on stage. "I just didn't like the look of him," he joked. It ended with questions and answer session Cockney rhyming slang, drinking - "I joined my local wine club. We meet in the park every morning at 9" and the French – "I don't trust them, they put C in the hot tap" were among the topics covered, as well as advertising hard sell, Michael Jackson and sign language. Needless to say, he also took a poke at the Brummie accent.

West Country comic Noel Britten had provided the warm-up.

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6.30 Strictly Come Dancing: Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly introduce a bruce spectacular from Blackpool, in which the eight remaining couples take to the Tower Ballroom dance floor with a dazzling routine.

7.45 Merlin: Camelot plays a fearsome evil, shooting warriors from far and wide — one of whom plans to use magic to win Prince Arthur (Bradley Dundas) in the Hunt. Polterlong guest stars.

8.30 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draw. Simon S performs.

8.45 Celebrity: Mitch dares to let his decision to move Charlie, but gets a frosty reception on her first day as clinical standards nurse.

9.35 The Armstrong & Miller Show: A special report from royal correspondent Tom Daley.

10.05 BBC News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day: including Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur; Holland Lottery Update.

11.45 The Football League Show; Weather.

1.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 BBC Switch: The Cut. 12.25 BBC Switch: Teenzone: Teenchers n Great School. 12.50 BBC Switch: Pop Idol. 1.20 BBC Switch: The 5th Glass. 1.35 BBC Switch: The Season (R) 2.05 BBC Switch: Revealed. 2.25 Film: In Search of the Castaways (1962) Children's adventure, starring Hayley Mills. 4.00 The Great British Bake Off (R) 5.00 Live International Rugby Union: Ireland v New Zealand (Kick-off 5.30pm).

7.30 Great Villa: Southampton in Poole Harbour is such an expensive place to live.

7.50 Dad's Army: A bereaving relative is unwell. (R)

8.20 American Dream: New series. The rollicking behind the national allure of the United States, which promises that anyone can find happiness and prosperity whatever their social status.

9.20 Have I Got News for You: Extended version of the critical current affairs quiz hosted by Julian Clary. Panelists Kevin Bloody Wilson and Clive Anderson join team captains Paul Merton and Ian Hislop.

10.05 QI XL: With Dara Ó Briain, Sinéad O'Connor and Sean Lock. (R)

10.50 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R)

11.20 Later with Jools Holland. (R)

12.25 Film: Scenes of a Sexual Nature. (2000) Ensemble drama, starring Brian McFadyen. 1.50 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: The Rufus Club. 7.25 Toonami. 9.25 The Cool Stuff Collective. 9.50 Planet Sketch. (R) 10.00 All New You've Been Framed! (R) 10.30 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. (R) 11.30 The Morning Show. 12.30 News; Weather. 12.35 Regional Programmes. 12.40 All New You've Been Framed! (R) 1.10 Film: Rocky Stripes (2009) Family comedy adventure, starring Hayden Panettiere. 3.00 Film: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. (2001) Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe. 5.45 Regional Programmes.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 All Star Family Fortunes: With Mikey Graham and Grant Ferguson.

7.00 All New You've Been Framed! Hilarious series. Features a man's overall impression.

7.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp: Comedy review of the week's small screen highlights.

8.00 The X Factor: The remaining acts battle it out.

9.20 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! A contestant bows the next Bushtucker Trial.

10.20 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Kelly Osbourne. The reality TV star discusses her battle with drugs. Last in the series.

11.20 ITV News; Weather.

11.35 Paul McCartney and Wings: Band on the Run. (R)

12.35 The Zone: ITV News Headlines. 2.40 Cutthroat. (R) 3.25 Sons and Daughters. 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. 6.30 ITV News.

Channel 4

6.25 The Tracey Ullman Show. (R) 6.35 Yo Gabba Gabba. (R) 7.00 World Sport. 7.25 Britain's Favourite Night Music. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.50 T4: Friends. (R) 9.20 T4: Friends. (R) 9.50 T4: Ugly Betty. (R) 10.25 T4: Kaka Rap. 11.20 T4: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1: The Movie Special. 11.50 T4: The Thats Our Story. 12.50 T4: Gordon. (R) 1.25 T4: Shortcut Node Sofa Singer. 1.55 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.35 The Political Slot: With Liberal Democrat MP Dinah Teather.

6.50 Channel 4 News.

6.55 Alternative Members: of the public reflect on religious issues.

7.00 Grand Designs: Kevin McCloud visits corporate Bill Bender and his wife Sarah, who set out to build two timber houses on a very limited space in south London. (R)

8.00 Apocalypse: The Second World War: The story of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour.

9.00 The Killers of the Death: Alleged serial killers called to Ronald Philip revealed to price of Kingsbridge and Richard returns — and petitions the Mayor for his actions once again. Last in the series.

11.15 FILM: Into the Wild (2007) Drama. Road based drama, starring Emile Hirsch.

1.55 Film: For Neda (2009) Premiere. Drama, starring Michelle Yeoh. 3.25 Pitch Perfect. (R) 3.50 The OC. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Fifth Year. (R) 10.30 How Do They Do It? (R) 11.00 The Bridget Show. (R) 12.00 Neighbourhood. (R) 1.00 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. (R) 2.00 Film: Foreign: The Photographer (Usc) (2004) Sci-fi adventure, starring Ben Browder. 5.00 Film: Close Encounters of the Third Kind: The Director's Cut. (1977) Sci-fi drama, starring Richard Dreyfuss.

7.25 Five News.

7.30 The Mentalist: A federal judge's daughter accompanies on the same day as her uncle's mother dies, leading Jane to believe the girl has become involved. Starring Simon Baker. (R)

8.25 NCIS: A petty officer is killed while competing in a contest, called, raising fears that she may have fallen victim to a serial killer — or a stalker. (R)

9.20 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation: A famous TV comedy actress is killed while filming in Las Vegas — and her unpopularity means the team have no shortage of suspects to choose from. (R)

10.20 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation: A rabbit teenager is murdered. (R)

11.20 CSI: NY: A girl is found dead on a college party. (R)

12.15 Super Casino. 4.05 Filthy Rich. (R) 4.30 House Doctor. (R) 4.55 The Family Recipe. (R) 5.00 Hawaii Helicopter Chase. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roadshow Rescue Car. (R)

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Country Tracks. 12.00 The Politics Show. 1.05 Escape to the Country. (R) 2.05 EastEnders. 3.35 Drop Zone. 4.35 Lifeline. 4.45 Points of View. 5.00 Songs of Praise. 5.35 BBC News/Regional News/Weather.

6.00 Jimmy's Food Factory: The former creates puffed rice cereal with a cannon. (R)

6.30 Countryfile: Julia Bradbury looks at the Woollen War in Ireland, including Weather for the Week Ahead.

7.30 Strictly Come Dancing: Duffy sings on the show, and the seventh elimination is announced.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow: Fiona Bruce and the experts examine more valuables at Tatton Park in Cheshire, including an inkstand with a link to Admiral Nelson and a precious item hidden in a box of jewellery.

9.00 Garrow's Law: The barrister attempts to explain accused of a capital crime.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather

10.25 The Impressions Show with Culshaw and Stephenson: Comedy sketch show with Jon Culshaw and Debra Stephenson.

10.55 The Apprentice (R)

11.55 FILM: The Lonely Guy. (1984) Comedy, starring Steve Martin; Weather.

1.35 Sign Zone: Hello Girls (R) 2.25 Coast. 3.25 Who Do You Think You Are? 4.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Something for the Weekend. 11.30 International Rugby Union. 12.30 Live Horse Racing. 2.00 Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. Sue Barker presents coverage of the one from the O2 in London. 5.00 Coast. 5.10 Film: Goal! (2005) Drama, with Kuno Becker.

7.00 Top Gear: The presenters are challenged to drive from Switzerland to Blackpool on a single tank of fuel. (R)

8.00 Making Scotland's Landscape: Iain Stewart explores the effect mankind has had on the landscape of the Highlands, and reveals how an eminent ecologist described the region as a "wet desert" in 1850. (R)

9.00 JFK: The Making of Modern Politics: Andrew Marr analyses whether John F Kennedy's election as American president in 1960 changed politics, asking if his campaign led voters to favour style over substance.

10.00 The Trip: Steve and Rob eat lunch at Holbeck Ghyll. (R)

10.30 Match of the Day 2: Highlights of today's Premier League matches.

11.30 FILM: JFK. (1991) New Orleans district attorney Jim Garrison opens his own investigation into the 1963 assassination of President John F Kennedy. Drama, starring Kevin Costner.

2.30 BBC News. 4.10 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: The Rally Club. 7.25 Toonattik. 9.25 Finger Tips. (R) 9.40 The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) 10.10 The X Factor. (R) 11.30 The Morning: Sunday. 12.30 News; Weather. 12.34 Regional Programmes. 12.35 Coronation Street. 2.55 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Regional Programmes. 5.15 ITV News; Weather. 5.30 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 — Behind the Magic.

6.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp: Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights. (R)

7.00 The Cube: Celebrity Special. Double Olympic gold medallist Kelly Holmes and TV presenter Jenni Falconer take on the challenge, hoping to win up to £250,000 for their chosen charities. Phillip Schofield hosts.

8.00 The X Factor: The results.

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Alive: Bushtucker Trial looms for one of the contestants, as Ant and Dec provide the latest diaries from the past 24 hours.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Kings of Leon: Excess All Areas. Dave Berry spends 48 hours with the American rock band.

11.45 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Kelly Osbourne. (R)

12.40 Premiership Rugby Union: Highlights of the latest round of fixtures. 1.35 The Zone: ITV News Headlines. 2.30 Motorsport UK. 3.30 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 Planet Cook. (R) 6.30 Can Hit Half Marathon. 7.20 Great London Swim. 8.15 World Series. 8.45 T4: Hollyoaks. 11.30 T4: Live and Loud. 11.35 T4: Ugly Betty. 12.35 T4: Friends. (R) 1.10 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.50 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 2.25 T4: T4 Stars of 2010. 4.25 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Film: Deck the Halls. (2006) Premiere. Christmas comedy, starring Danny DeVito and Matthew Broderick.

7.00 Channel 4 News.

7.55 4thought.tv: Short films in which members of the public discuss their thoughts on religious and ethical issues.

8.00 River Cottage Bites: Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall presents his favourite summer recipes.

9.00 Any Human Heart: New series. An octogenarian recalls his relationships and friendships in each decade of the 20th century. Adaptation of William Boyd's novel, starring Jim Broadbent.

10.45 Desperate Housewives: Susan is forced to reveal her secret to Mike as Halloween approaches, and Juanita becomes suspicious of Gabrielle's sudden interest in Carlos.

11.45 The Real Housewives of New Jersey: Teresa pleads with Joe to sell a racehorse.

12.45 Desperately Eternity. (R) 1.00 American Football: Live. Philadelphia Eagles v New York Giants (Kickoff 1.20am). 4.45 Britain's Favourite Theme Park Ride. (R) 5.10 Annie Ablah. (R) 5.35 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25 Fireman Sam. (R) 6.40 Rupert Bear. (R) 6.50 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 7.00 Mio Mao. (R) 7.05 The WotWots. (R) 7.20 Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) 7.30 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 7.40 Milkshake! Monkey. (R) 7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.55 Nick: Sheepdog Tales. (R) 8.10 Little Princess. (R) 8.20 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.35 Fantasia. (R) 8.50 Castle Farm. (R) 9.00 Chiefs. (R) 9.15 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.30 Rescue Heroes. (R) 10.00 Shake! Karls. 10.35 The Jackson 5. 11.10 Your Sport. (R) 11.25 Andre Rieu in Concert. (R) 12.10 Street Market Chefs. (R) 12.40 Zoo Days. (R) 1.10 Emergency Bikers. (R) 2.10 Film: The Sheepman. (1958) Comedy Western, starring Glenn Ford. 3.55 Five News. 4.00 The Showbiz Variety Club Awards 2010. 5.00 Film: A Bug's Life. (1998)

6.55 FILM: Ghostbusters II. (1989) Supernatural comedy sequel, starring Bill Murray.

9.00 FILM: Speed. (1994) Action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves, Sandra Bullock, Dennis Hopper and Jeff Daniels. Including Five News Update.

11.15 FILM: 11:14. (2003) Premiere. Comedy crime drama, starring Hilary Swank.

12.55 Super Casino. 4.05 Emergency Bikers. (R) 4.55 The Family Recipe. (R) 5.00 House Helping. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. 5.35 Thomas & Friends. 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
8.45 Film: [illegible] (2007) [illegible] 9.00 The [illegible] Factor [illegible] 11.00 Peter Andre: The Next Chapter

ITV3
9.00 Hidden Treasures [illegible] Agatha Christie's [illegible]

ITV4
[illegible]

BBC THREE
7.00 The World's Strictest Parents. 9.00 [illegible]

BBC FOUR
7.00 [illegible] 9.00 Mark Lawson Talks to [illegible] 11.00 Film: [illegible] (1944)

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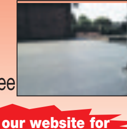

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BBC2 6.00 Chemical. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.00 Alfred Enoch Walks Africa. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 QI XT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Dale Roberts. (R) 1.45 Coast. 2.40 Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals. Dan Barker presents coverage of daytime from the O2 in London. 3.45 Pop Up. (R) 4.00 Pointless. (R) 5.15 The Hairy Bikers' Cook Off. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing – It Takes Two. 7.00 Michael Portillo Celebrates England. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 Miranda. (R) 9.00 Mock the Week. (R) 9.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 BBC The Making of Modern Britain. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 12.40 Close. 6.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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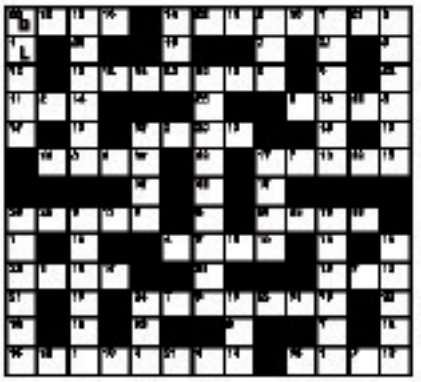

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Double Crossword

Clues are for quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

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Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 9x9 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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DVD REVIEWS

by Leon Burakowski

Guests who get drunk, fall asleep or raid kitchen

Joan Rivers - showing her tender side

Come Dine With Me: The Tasty Bits (15)

The dinner party show has become cult viewing for many and however outrageous the behaviour of the guests - whether members of the public or celebs - the real star of the show is the droll commentary by narrator Dave Lamb.

This DVD features around half an hour of never-before-seen scenes (a little nudity) but they are not that shocking, the makers kept the best bits in.

So we get guests getting drunk and falling asleep at the table or tumbling off their chairs, a host of culinary crimes, and guests so hungry they raid the kitchen to make their own dinner.

As regards the celebrities, Kim Woodburn, of How Clean Is Your House, gets spectacularly drunk on vodka,actress Lesley Joseph gets fits of giggles when her lamb dinner is a disaster and Michael Barrymore's anarchic buffoonery crosses the line into outright vandalism.

Collapse (Exempt)

This thought-provoking documentary puts you in the company of American radical thinker Michael Ruppert for more than 80 minutes.

Former LA policeman Ruppert reckons our society's dependence on oil will bring ruin upon us all within a decade or so, and that the economic depression - which he seems to have predicted - is just the beginning.

If you believe Ruppert, you had best learn to be a carpenter and farmer fast, because the lights are going to go out, money will be worthless and food is going to become scarce.

It's a talking head documentary, with some stock footage, in which Ruppert is sittin in what appears to be a bunker, chain-smoking and sometimes doing his credibility no good by bursting into tears or barely restraining his four-letter rage at the powers that rule the world.

He also darkly hints about mysterious deaths in the US military and a break-in at his office in which his computers were trashed.

Ruppert seems to take a perverse pride in his belief that he had been personally targeted by the White House during George W Bush's presidency.

He may have fascinated film maker Chris Smith with his apocalyptic vision but I remained unconvinced by Ruppert's alarming predictions. However,his ideas are certainly interesting... and worrying.

Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work (Exempt)

This documentary of a year in the life of veteran queen of comedy Joan Rivers starts with the comedienne close-up without her facade of make-up.

It makes the film's intention clear, to show the real Joan. And it probably does.

The expletive-using septuagenarian is revealed as a workaholic, driven by the fear of failure and haunted by the sense that comedy is second best to her true love, acting.

She is also wickedly funny on stage and brutal in her dealing with a heckler.

There are two very poignant scenes where we (apparently) see the real woman behind the facelifts and carefully coiffured hair, in a tender moment with her grandson and when the tough cookie sobs after sacking a member of her team, an old friend, who let her down once too often. She still sacked him though.

There are lots of extras on the DVD including interviews.

CD REVIEWS

by Leon Burakowski

Soulful Duffy blends modern with retro in her second album

Duffy's follow-up album Endlessly blends thenew with the old

Duffy - Endlessly

Snowdonia's soul stunner Duffy returns with a second album that has an American sheen but finds her distinctive soulful croak preserved. Her new team includes New York hip hop funkers The Roots and veteran American songwriter Albert Hammond (who penned Hollies hit The Air That I Breathe). The result is an album that lives up to her massive hit debut Rockferry, blending retro elements with modern R&B/pop production techniques. The ballads Don't Forsake Me and Too Hurt To Dance will appeal to those who enjoy Duffy when she's at her most old fashioned and Girl finds the Welsh songstress in groovy Sandie Shaw-ish 60s mode. The semi-acoustic title track introduces a slurred bluesy edge to her vocal, whereas Love Struck and Well Well Well have a more contemporary pop feel. Out November 29.

Nadine - Insatiable

Often considered the best vocalist in Girls Aloud, Nadine Coyle has made a bad false start to her solo career with this weedy, bland debut album which doesn't make the most of her voice. Even the best tracks probably wouldn't have made it onto Cheryl Cole's album.

Everything seems wrong, from the half-hearted warbling to odd moments, like when she seems to go missing half way through first track, the wanna-be club anthem Runnin'. Maybe she made a mistake by writing her own songs, maybe with the production team, though they include some people with big successes to their credit. But Insatiable should have been dumped and Nadine directed back to the drawing board. This is one turkey that will still be left in the shops at Christmas.

Selena Gomez & The Scene - A Year Without Rain

The Disney princess follows her million-selling debut Kiss And Tell with a better set of perky pop/rock tracks and upbeat dance numbers. Featuring the hit Round And Round, it is slickly produced for the star from Disney Channel's The Wizards of Waverley Place. The teenager is set to become one of the faces of 2011 with the release of the films Monte Carlo and Ramona & Beezus. Her album has that mass produced feel but professionally delivers and her voice is pitched somewhere between Britney and Kylie.

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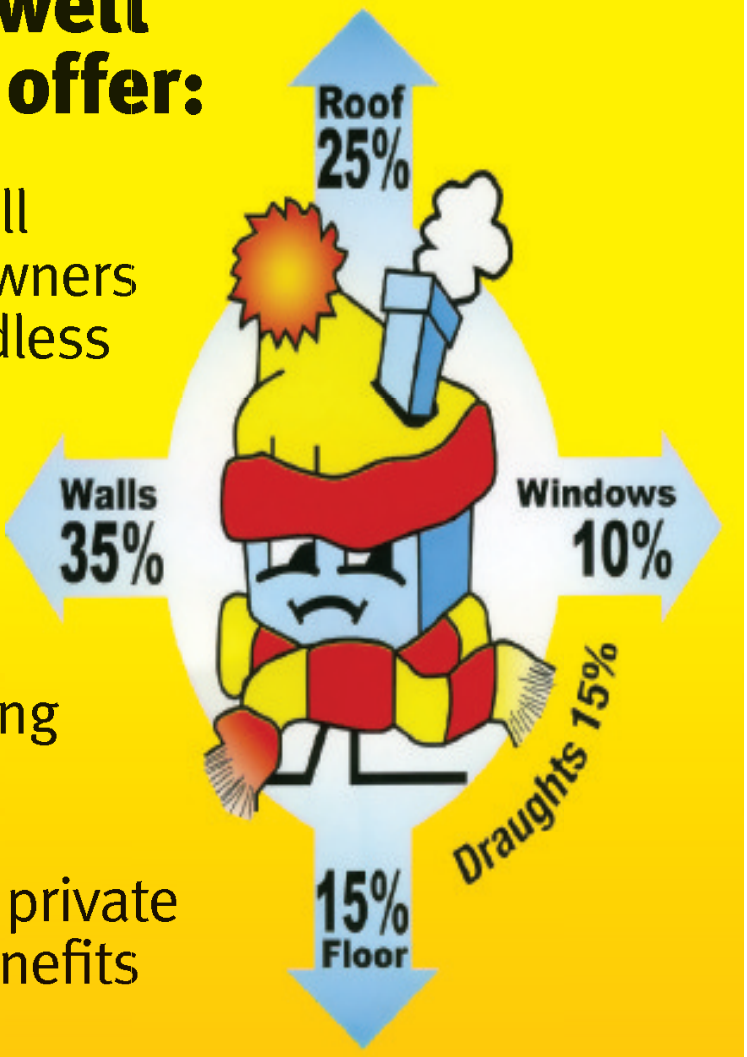

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The modern semi-detached residence is approximately half a mile from Oldbury centre, with comprehensive shopping facilities readily available, including banks, post office, building societies and hypermarket.

With the development on Oldbury ring road additional major companies are moving into the area. Birmingham city centre is easily accessible with direct train lines from both Sandwell/Dudley railway station and Langley Green railway station. Public transport services are available with a main depot being at Oldbury. Educational and recreational facilities are all available close at hand.

The property stands attractively to the roadside behind a wide garden with lawned area with side driveway.

A canopy porch leads to the reception hall, with central heating radiator.

The front lounge has a coved ceiling, central heating radiator, side picture window and bow window overlooking the garden.

Attractive

A separate dining room measures 6ft 7in x 9ft 5in and has central heating radiator and coved ceiling.

There is a door to the fitted kitchen. This has a stainless steel single drainer sink in attractive work top surround with single base cupboards and side appliances space with plumbing for automatic washing machine, matching return incorporating four-ring gas hob with drawers beneath, cooker extractor hood above, further matching double base units, oven housing unit with integrated oven beneath, one triple and one double wall cupboard, tiled relief to work tops, central heating radiator, tiled flooring and understairs pantry.

A staircase from the reception hall leads to the first floor landing off which is bedroom one with central heating radiator, coved ceiling and built-in wardrobe with sliding mirrored doors.

Bedroom two has central heating radiator, coved ceiling and built-in wardrobe with sliding mirrored doors.

A third has coved ceiling and central heating radiator.

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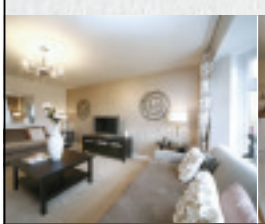

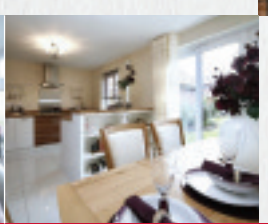

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Royal Oak Road
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The Retreat
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HALESOWEN

Stanmore Grove
* Tastefully presented semi
* Three bedrooms
* Conservatory
* Open plan kitchen/dining
* Secluded garden
* Must be viewed

Offers in the region of £175,000

QUINTON

Finsby Road
* Semi detached house
* Three bedrooms
* L shaped lounge/dining
* GF bathroom & FF shower room
* Kitchen/breakfast room
* No upward chain

Offers in the region of £117,500

HALESOWEN

Woodbury Road
* Mid town house
* Three bedrooms
* Kitchen/dining room
* First floor lounge
* Playroom
* Enclosed garden

Offers in the region of £114,950

ROWLEY REGIS

Wylde Crescent
* Mid terraced house
* Three bedrooms
* L shaped lounge/dining area
* Fitted kitchen
* Off road parking
* Ideal first time buy

Offers in the region of £89,950

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12 Paganel Industrial Estate
Turner Street
* Ideal starter unit
* Small private estate
* Good security
* Gated access
* Roller shutter door
* Washroom

Rent: £3,600 pa plus VAT

HALESOWEN

126 Spies Lane
* Semi-detached family home
* Three bedrooms
* Improved & redecorated
* Kitchen with appliances
* GC heating & DG windows
* Enclosed rear garden
* Available from 1/12/10

Monthly rent of £750

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St Matthew's Road
* Large detached house
* 4 bedrooms
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* Garage & garden

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HALESOWEN

66 Victoria Court
Birswood Road
* Self contained flat
* 2 bedrooms
* upvc double glazed windows
* fitted kitchen with appliances
* electric heating
* part furnished

Monthly rent of £525

STOURBRIDGE

Flat 2 29 New Road
* First floor flat
* One double bedroom
* Living room
* Kitchen with appliances
* DG windows & N/S heating
* Car space
* Available from 15/11/10

Monthly rent of £395

STOURBRIDGE

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* First floor flat
* One bedroom
* Electric heating
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* Communal gardens
* Car parking space
* Available from 7th December

Monthly rent of £365

BRIERLEY HILL

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Flat 23B High Street
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* Kitchen with oven and fridge
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* Bedroom with wardrobe
* Unfurnished
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* Available now

Monthly rent of £325

CRADLEY HEATH

Flat 7 Chartwell Grange 441
Halesowen Road
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KIRBY ROAD
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SMETHWICK £300,000

BEARWOOD ROAD
A modern detached property with internal viewing recommended, comprising 2 reception rooms, refitted kitchen, utility area, ground floor shower room, 4 bedrooms, master en suite, family bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated (where specified), front driveway, garage and rear garden.

EDGBASTON £199,950

SUMMERFIELD CRESCENT
A spacious semi-detached property with internal viewing recomended, comprising vestibule, entrance hallway, 3 reception rooms, refitted kitchen, lean-to/garden room, 3 bedrooms, upstairs refitted bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated (where specified). NO CHAIN

WINSON GREEN £94,950

PRESTON ROAD
An end-terraced property, comprising 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated (where specified), front and rear gardens. NO CHAIN

SPRING HILL £129,950

ELLEN STREET
A mid town house close to Birmingham City Centre, comprising porch, entrance hallway, reception room, kitchen/diner, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated (where specified).

EDGBASTON £240,000

SELWYN ROAD
A detached property in this desirable location, in need of modernisation, comprising entrance hallway, through lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, upstairs bathroom with separate toilet, double glazed and centrally heated (where specified), front and rear gardens, driveway, garage. NO CHAIN

SMETHWICK £94,950

FLORENCE ROAD
A mid terraced property, comprising 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom, 2 bedrooms, double glazed and centrally heated (where specified). NO CHAIN

SMETHWICK £97,500

OAKWOOD ROAD
A mid terraced property, comprising 2 reception rooms, breakfast area, fitted kitchen, refitted ground floor bathroom, 2 double bedrooms, double glazed and centrally heated (where specified), front and rear gardens.

SMETHWICK £89,950

PAVILION AVENUE
A semi-detached property in need of refurbishment, comprising hallway, reception room, kitchen, downstairs toilet, 3 bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated (where specified), front and rear gardens, driveway. NO CHAIN

BEARWOOD £124,950

DRAYTON ROAD
A mid terraced property close to Bearwood High Street, comprising 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, utility area, 2 bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated (where specified). NO CHAIN

BEARWOOD £245,000

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ROWLEY REGIS £119,950

UPLANDS AVENUE
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OLDBURY £59,950

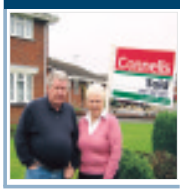
FLASH ROAD
Connells are marketing this second floor apartment, close to local amenities and consisting of lounge, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom and allocated parking space. Double glazing and gas central heating (where specified).

OLDBURY £89,995

WALLACE ROAD
Connells are marketing this four bed semi detached property consisting of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, parking to front and rear, front and rear gardens, double glazing and gas central heating (where specified). CHAIN FREE

OLDBURY £107,745

BOROUGH CRESCENT
Connells are pleased to present this extended spacious three bed semi detached property having two reception rooms, kitchen, side and rear gardens and off road parking. Double glazing and gas central heating (where specified).

Mr & Mrs Ford


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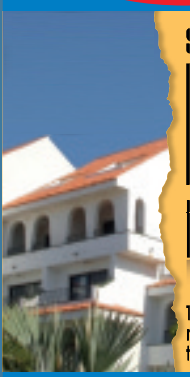

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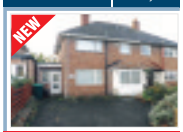
HAWTHORN ROAD
A spacious three bedroom semi-detached property benefiting from uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified), fitted breakfast kitchen, lounge, side extension, downstairs WC, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, driveway and no upward chain.

WEDNESBURY £145,000

PARK HILL
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WEDNESBURY £140,000

BEEBEE ROAD
A three bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified), lounge, refitted kitchen diner, conservatory, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, driveway providing off road parking, garage. No upward chain.

TIPTON £117,000

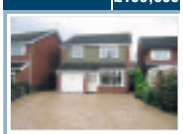
CATHERTON CLOSE
A modern style two bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified), lounge, breakfast kitchen, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, driveway providing off road parking. No upward chain.

WEDNESBURY £64,950

HEATHFIELD LANE WEST
A traditional style two bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified), through lounge, fitted kitchen, first floor bathroom, enclosed good size rear garden. No upward chain.

WEDNESBURY £171,000

CARNEGIE DRIVE
A modern style three bedroom detached property briefly comprising of: uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified), lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs WC, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden and garage.

TIPTON £169,995

STEAD CLOSE
A well presented three bedroom detached property briefly comprising of uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified), lounge, fitted kitchen/diner, conservatory, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, garage and driveway, providing off road parking. No upward chain.

TIPTON £80,000

ATTWELL ROAD
A three bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of, uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified), through lounge with separate dining area, fitted kitchen, first floor bathroom, enclosed rear garden, driveway providing off road parking. No upward chain.

DARLASTON £89,995

HALL STREET EAST
A three bedroom semi-detached property briefly comprising of: uPVC double glazing and gas central heating (as specified), lounge, fitted dining kitchen, ground floor bathroom, first floor WC, enclosed rear garden and driveway providing off road parking.

WEDNESBURY £132,000

THE OVAL
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WEST BROMWICH £124,950

DOULTON DRIVE
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WEST BROMWICH £109,950

VICARAGE ROAD
Connells are pleased to introduce this mid terrace property briefly comprising of 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom, central heating and double glazing, alarm system, front and rear gardens.

WEST BROMWICH £110,000

COLES LANE
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WEST BROMWICH £125,000

JUBILEE AVENUE
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WEST BROMWICH £94,999

CAMBRIDGE STREET
Connells are pleased to introduce this recently refurbished mid terrace property, briefly comprising of 2 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, downstairs bathroom, fitted kitchen, central heating and double glazing, garden to rear.

WEST BROMWICH £89,950

WITTON LANE
Connells are pleased to introduce this end terrace property, briefly comprising of 3 bedrooms, 1 reception room, kitchen/diner, small utility area, upstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens, double glazing.

WEST BROMWICH £90,500

TURNER STREET
Connells are pleased to introduce this mid terrace property located within close proximity of West Bromwich town centre and all transport links, briefly comprising of 3 bedrooms, 1 reception room, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom, central heating, double glazing (where specified), off road parking to the front, rear garden.

WEST BROMWICH £70,000

BOWATER STREET
Connells present this three bedroom terrace property, located very near to West Bromwich town centre. Having two reception rooms, kitchen ad downstairs bathroom, double glazing and central heating and rear garden. Ideal for buy to let or first time buyers.

WEST BROMWICH £79,995

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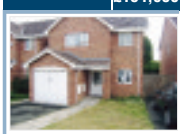
WEST BROMWICH £134,950

BEDFORD ROAD
Connells are pleased to introduce this modern 3 bedroom detached property, benefiting from 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs WC, master bedroom having en suite shower room, family bathroom, integral garage, front and rear gardens, central heating and double glazing.

WEST BROMWICH £164,500

ANDREW ROAD
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NEW

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WINSON GREEN — £94,950

HAMBERLEY COURT
Connells are pleased to offer this mid-town house in cul-de-sac location, comprising: lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed (where specified), front and rear gardens, parking to rear. NO CHAIN

SMETHWICK — £104,950

KINSEY ROAD
Second floor apartment comprising entrance hallway, open plan living/dining/kitchen. Two bedrooms, double glazing and central heating. No chain.

SANDHURST COURT, BEARWOOD — £87,950
NEW

DUNSFORD ROAD
A modern ground floor apartment comprising, hallway, two bedrooms, bathroom, open plan lounge/kitchen, double glazed and electric heating where specified, allocated parking, offered with no chain.

SMETHWICK — £84,950

CLARENDON ROAD
A mid terraced property in need of some refurbishment, comprising two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom, two bedrooms, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens. No Chain.

EDGBASTON — £345,000

ROTTON PARK ROAD
A detached in a sought after location with internal viewing highly recommended, comprising three reception rooms, fitted kitchen, breakfast room, four bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, ground floor shower room, conservatory, driveway, car port, larger than average garden.

EDGBASTON — £120,000
NEW

SELSEY ROAD
A mid terraced property with internal viewing recommended, comprising two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens.

SMETHWICK — £114,950
NEW

PEARMAN ROAD
A mid terraced with internal viewing recommended comprising two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, front and rear gardens, double glazed and centrally heated where specified.

SMETHWICK — £134,950
NEW

NORMAN ROAD
A semi detached property, comprising porch, entrance hallway, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, upstairs bathroom with separate toilet, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens, garage to rear. Viewing recommended.

OLDBURY — £199,950

ABBEY CRESCENT
An extended semi detached property with internal viewing most highly recommended, comprising entrance hallway, two reception rooms, kitchen/diner, four bedrooms, spacious bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens, driveway. No Chain.

BEARWOOD — £149,950

BEAKES ROAD
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WELLESLEY ROAD
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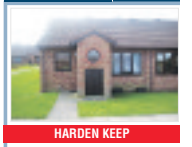
SMETHWICK — £72,500

HARDEN KEEP
A semi detached bungalow set in over 60's complex. The property comprises entrance hallway, reception room, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, central heating where specified, set in communal grounds, no chain.

BEARWOOD — £119,950
NEW

MARLBOROUGH ROAD
A mid terraced property, comprising entrance hallway, through lounge, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, refitted upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens.

OLDBURY — £149,950

POTTERY ROAD
A semi detached property comprising porch, hallway, through lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen plus utility area, three bedrooms, first floor bathroom, double glazing and central heating (where specified), front driveway, front and rear gardens. No Chain.

EDGBASTON — £229,950

GILLOTT ROAD
A semi-detached property comprising two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, four bedrooms, bathroom and additional shower room, separate self contained studio apartment, double glazing and central heating (where specified), no chain.

BEARWOOD — £135,000

KATHERINE ROAD
Reduced for quick sale - NO CHAIN. Spacious mid terraced property comprising of vestibule, entrance hallway, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, two large double bedrooms, upstairs bathroom, double glazed and central heated where specified, front and rear gardens. Internal viewing highly recommended.

BEARWOOD — £125,000

WIGORN ROAD
A mid terraced property comprising hallway, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, ground floor bathroom, three bedrooms, double glazed and central heating where specified.

OLDBURY — £98,950

MUSHROOM HALL ROAD
A refurbished semi detached property, having reception room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom and off road parking, being sold on behalf on SANDWELL METROPOLITAN COUNCIL.

OLDBURY — £79,950

SHIRLEY ROAD
A refurbished mid terraced property, offering two reception rooms, kitchen, bathroom and two bedrooms being sold on behalf of SANDWELL METROPOLITAN COUNCIL.

BEARWOOD — £119,950
NEW

RICHMOND ROAD
A mid terraced property, comprising two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, spacious upstairs bathroom, double glazed and centrally heated where specified, front and rear gardens. No Chain.

SMETHWICK — £99,950
NEW

BEECHFIELD ROAD
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OLDBURY — £104,950

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★ Rear garden
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TIPTON
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★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Rear garden
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NEW

TIPTON
DIANE CLOSE
★ Extended three bedroom detached on corner plot
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NEW

TIPTON
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★ Gardens to front, rear and side
£109,995

REDUCED

TIPTON
HEMPOLE LANE
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge/dining room
★ En suite to master bedroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Driveway and integral garage
★ Front and rear gardens
Was £143,500 Now £142,000

REDUCED

WEST BROMWICH
WHITGREAVE STREET
★ Three bedroom mid terrace
★ Extended lounge
★ Dining room
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Driveway
★ Rear Garden
Was £132,950 Now £124,995

Saturday 20th Nov 9.30-10am
TIPTON
WENYON CLOSE
★ Two bedroom semi-detached
★ Lounge
★ Dining kitchen
★ Double glazing (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Front and rear gardens
£94,995

Saturday 20th Nov 10-10.30am
TIPTON
SANNDERS CRESCENT
★ Three bedroom two and a half storey town house
★ Lounge diner, fitted kitchen, ground floor WC
★ En suite to master bedroom, family bathroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Garage and parking
★ Rear garden
Was £139,995 Now £136,995

Saturday 20th Nov 10.30-11am
TIPTON
FACTORY ROAD
★ Two bedroom end terrace
★ Lounge and fitted kitchen
★ Conservatory
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Allocated off road parking
★ Rear garden
£109,995

Saturday 20th Nov 11-11.45am
OLDBURY
SALOP STREET
★ Three bedroom detached
★ Lounge
★ Dining kitchen
★ Downstairs WC
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Rear garden
£165,000

Saturday 20th Nov 12-12.30pm
TIPTON
THE OAKS, ELIZABETH WALK
★ Two bedroom semi detached dormer bungalow
★ Lounge ★ Fitted kitchen
★ Bathroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking and rear garden
★ 10-year NHBC guarantee
£159,995

Saturday 20th Nov 10-2pm
WEST BROMWICH
HARVILLS HAWTHORN
★ Three bedroom end terrace
★ Lounge and dining room
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Downstairs bathroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Rear garden
£107,000

All of the properties featured are available to be viewed over the weekend of **20th/21st November** with no appointment necessary. Simply turn up within the viewing times stated or alternatively, call us **before Saturday** for a fixed time appointment.

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Saturday 20th Nov 10-2pm
TIPTON
LEVESON DRIVE
★ Three bedroom modern semi detached
★ Entrance hall ★ Lounge
★ Dining kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Front and rear gardens
£119,995

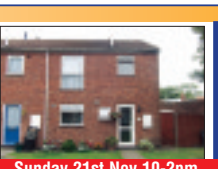
Saturday 20th Nov 10-2pm
TIPTON
BEVERSTON ROAD
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Two reception rooms
★ Upstairs family bathroom
★ Central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and off road parking
★ Front and rear gardens
£129,995

Saturday 20th Nov 10-2pm
WEST BROMWICH
KENT CLOSE
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge, fitted kitchen diner
★ Ground floor WC
★ Central heating and double glazing (where spec)
★ Driveway and garage
★ Front and rear gardens
£119,995

STAR BUY

Saturday 20th Nov 11-1pm
TIPTON
MIDDLE MEADOW
★ 3 bedroom modern detached
★ Lounge and dining room
★ Ground floor WC and first floor family bathroom
★ Fitted kitchen
★ En suite to master bedroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heatint (where specified)
★ Detached garage and driveway
★ Rear garden
Now offers in region of £150,000

Saturday 20th Nov 10-2pm
TIPTON
LEVESON DRIVE
★ Modern mid terrace property
★ Two bedrooms
★ Kitchen diner
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Off road parking to the front
★ Rear garden
£99,995



Sunday 21st Nov 10-2pm
WEST BROMWICH
ACORN CLOSE
★ Three bedroom end terrace
★ Lounge and dining area
★ Refitted kitchen
★ Upstairs family bathroom
★ Gardens to front, side and rear
★ Shared off road parking
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
£114,950

Sunday 21st Nov 10-2pm
TIPTON
OAK CLOSE
★ One bedroom first floor flat
★ Lounge
★ Kitchen
★ Bedroom and bathroom
★ Double glazing (where specified)
★ Communal parking
★ Communal gardens
£67,995

Sat & Sun 20/22 Nov 10-2pm
TIPTON
BARNEY CLOSE
★ Four bedroom detached
★ Lounge/dining room, breakfast kitchen
★ Downstairs WC and laundry room
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Driveway
★ Front and rear gardens
£195,995

STAR BUY

TIPTON
CHERRY ROAD
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge
★ Breakfast kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Rear garden
★ No upward chain
£79,995

TIPTON
CHATWINS WHARF
★ Two bedroom end terrace bungalow
★ Warden controlled for over 60s only
★ Lounge and kitchen
★ Bathroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Small rear garden and communal gardens
★ Allocated parking
£89,995

TIPTON
BATMANSHILL ROAD
★ Modern three bedroom end terrace
★ Lounge and dining room
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Downstairs WC
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Front and rear gardens
★ Two allocated car parking spaces to the rear
£122,500

TIPTON
WAKE GREEN ROAD
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Two reception rooms
★ Family bathroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Garage and off road parking
★ Rear garden
★ In need of modernisation
£144,950

TIPTON
STELLA ROAD
★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Two reception rooms
★ Upstairs family bathwith and separate WC
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Rear garden
£112,500

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TAME ROAD, OLDBURY

£125,000 NEW

★ THREE BEDROOM
★ MID TERRACED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★FRONT AND REAR GARDENS

PERRYHILL CRESCENT, OLDBURY

£129,950 NEW

★THREE BEDROOM ★MID TERRACED ★THROUGH LOUNGE ★FITTED KITCHEN ★OFF ROAD PARKING ★REAR GARDENS

HUGH ROAD, SMETHWICK

£159,950 NEW

★ THREE BEDROOM ★ SEMI DETACHED
★ NEWLY REFURBISHED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ OFF ROAD PARKING ★ REAR GARDEN
★ CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING

HUGH ROAD,

£164,950 NEW

★ THREE BEDROOM ★ SEMI-DETACHED
★ THROUGH LOUNGE ★EXTENED
★ FITTED KITCHEN / DINER
★ REAR GARDEN ★ OFF ROAD PARKING

BOURNE AVANUE, HALESOWEN

£199,950 NEW

★THREE BEDROOMS ★SEMI DETACHED
★THROUGH LOUNGE ★FITTED KITCHEN
★GUEST W.C ★REAR GARDENS
★FRONT DRIVEWAY

OLDACRE ROAD, OLDBURY

£249,950 NEW

★ NEW BUILD ★ FOUR Bedrooms
★ DETACHED ★ Lounge
★ Guest W.C ★ FITTED Kitchen
★ Utility Room ★Conservatory
★ EN-SUITE ★ GARAGE

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11 Trinity View, Queen Street, Bilston WV14 7ER 2 Bed 2nd Floor Apartment	£430.00
12 Mission Drive, Tipton DY4 8XG 2 Bed Semi	£495.00
13 Church Hill, Wednesbury WS10 9DJ 3 Bed Semi, Ch, Dg	£595.00
14 Popular Grove, West Bromwich B70 6LB 2 Bed Mid Terrace, Ch, Dg	£450.00
14 Sheridon Street, West Bromwich B71 4EF 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace	£495.00
147 Horseley Road, Tipton DY4 7NQ 3 Bed Semi, Ch, Dg	£565.00
15 Salisbury House, Lily Street, West Bromwich Ground Floor Studio Flat, elec.	£300.00
17 Gipsy Lane, Willenhall WV13 2HA 2 Bed Mid Terraced House	£450.00
18 Salisbury House, Lily Street, West Bromwich 2 Bed Ground Floor Flat	£375.00
19 Trinity View Queen St, Bilston WV14 7ER 2 Bed Flat, Dg, elec. heating	£430.00
2 Cinder Way, Wednesbury WS10 7QE 2 Bed Semi, Ch, Dg	£495.00
2 Julia Gardens, West Bromwich B71 3NT 3 Bed Semi, Ch, Dg, Garage	£550.00
23 Trinity View Queen St, Bilston WV14 7ER 1 Bed Flat, Dg, elec. heating	£395.00
24 Elwell Street, Wednesbury 1 Bedroom, first floor flat	£350.00
24 Scott Street, Tipton DY4 7AG 2 Bed Ground Floor Apartment	£450.00
25 Beechwood Road, West Bromwich B70 8QJ 2 Bed Detached, Ch, Dg	£495.00
25 Morville Croft, Maple Village Bilston WV14 0UG 2 Bed First Floor Apartment	£400.00
25 Solly Grove, Queensgate, Tipton 3 Bed Semi	£550.00
257 Beaconview Road, West Bromwich 2 Bed Ground Floor Flat, Ch	£400.00
26 Princes Gate, Beeches Road, West Bromwich Modern Ground Floor Apartment	£425.00
27 James Eaton Close, West Bromwich 3 Bed Semi, Ch, Dg	£575.00
2xFlats Wolverhampton Street, Willenhall WV13 2PS 1 Bed, First Floor Two Storey	£400.00
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2a Duke Street, Wednesfield WV11 1TG Supported Sheltered	£1141.00
3 Harrowby Drive, Tipton DY4 8SZ Studio Apartment	£250.00
30 Eagle Place (off Eagle Lane), Tipton Exec. Nearly New 2 Bed Flat	£400.00
32 Bromfield Crescent, Wednesbury WS10 0TS 3 Bed Semi, Ch, Dg	£525.00
37 Douglas Davies Close, Willenhall WV12 4DZ 2 Bed Terrace	£425.00
3a Durham Drive, West Bromwich B71 1HS 2 Bed Modern End Terraced House	£500.00
4 Ashley Street, Bilston WV14 7PA 2 Bed Bungalow	£575.00
4 Dumbledery Lane, Aldridge, Walsall WS9 0DH 2 Bed Refurbished Mid Terrace	£525.00
4 Hawkins Croft, Tividale Quays, Tipton 1 Bed Semi	£380.00
40 Treetops Drive, Willenhall 1 Bed Flat	£325.00
45 Pembroke Road, West Bromwich 3 Bed Semi-Detached House	£500.00
46 Creed Way, West Bromwich B70 9JW 2 Bed 1st Floor Flat, Ch, Dg	£525.00
47 Shaftesbury Street, West Bromwich 2 Bed Semi-Detached, Ch	£475.00
49 Wedgebury Close, Wednesbury Modern 1st Floor 2 Bed	£495.00
5 Oatmill Close, Kings Hill, Wednesbury WS10 9TE 2 Bed Terraced	£450.00
54 Carnegie Avenue, Tipton, DY4 8SX Studio Apartment	£265.00
562 Willenhall Road, Willenhall 4 Bed Semi	£580.00
6 Ashley Street, Bilston WV14 7PA 2 Bed Semi Bungalow	£575.00
6 Woodlands Centre, Short Heath, Willenhall Two Bed Flat	£395.00
7A Keyworth Close, Sanderidge Park, Tipton Two Bedroom Semi-Detached	£445.00
8 Birches Rise, Willenhall WV13 2BD 3 Bed Detached	£595.00
9 Emily Street, West Bromwich 2 Bed Mid Terrace, Ch, Dg	£475.00
9 Fernwood Croft, Tipton DY4 8LL 2 Bed Ground Floor Flat	£450.00
9 Johnson Road, Darlaston, Wednesbury WS10 7NT 3 Bed Mid Terraced, Ch, Dg	£525.00
96 Bull Lane, West Bromwich B70 9PB 2 Bed End Terraced House	£500.00
Flat 6, 63-65 Bustleholme Lane, West Bromwich 2 Bed 1st Floor Flat, Ch, Dg	£525.00
Flat 7 Manor Flats, High Street, Sedgley 2 Bed First Flor Flat, Dg, elec.	£450.00
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- Conservatory
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- Freehold
- No Upward Chain

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- Available 1st November 2009

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- D/G and C/H
- Available January 2011
- Credit Check/Reference Required

£580 PCM £580 DEPOSIT

ROWELY VIEW, B70 8QR

- A Mid terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- C/H, D/G, No DSS,Smokers
- Furnished as Viewed

£550 PCM £550 DEPOSIT

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Tipton
Stanton Grove, Standeridge Park — NEW

50% Share Ownership Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Reception hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, 2 car driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£55,000**

Tipton
Oak Close, Wednesbury — NEW

Purpose Built Ground Floor Flat having upvc double glazing and improved internal accommodation. Open plan lounge / fitted kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom and garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£56,000**

Tipton
Crownmeadow Drive — NEW

Immaculate Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Internal viewing is strongly recommended whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen with built in oven/hob, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, 2 car driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£129,950**

Tipton
Standbridge Way — NEW

Modern Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & good size family accommodation. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, study room, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£219,950**

Tipton
Dudley Road

21 Dudley Road, Tipton. We hereby give notice that an offer of £56,000, subject to contract, has been received for the above property. In the event of there being no better offer received at this office within seven days of the date of publication of this notice, the property accordingly will be sold at the price of £56,000.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£69,950**

Tipton
Churchill Walk — REDUCED

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & well presented spacious family accommodation. Porch, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen / sitting room, lobby, guest cloakroom, utility area, 3 bedrooms, bathroom plus shower cubicle, enclosed driveway to front & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£79,950**

Tipton
Wades Close, The Grove — NEW

Modern 'Hockley 2' design 2.5 storey Semi Detached having UPVc double-glazing, gas central heating, fitted alarm and spacious family accommodation. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 4 bedrooms, 2 en-suite shower rooms, family bathroom, side garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£149,950**

Tipton
Great Meadow — NEW

Modern Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and spacious well presented family accommodation. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge / dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway, garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£169,950**

Tipton
Lorne Street — NEW

Immaculate Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Internal viewing strongly recommended whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, through lounge / dining room (feature fireplace), fitted kitchen (built in oven/hob, built in Fridge), 3 bedrooms (fitted wardrobes), bathroom with shower, enclosed block paved driveway & good size rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£119,950**

Tipton
Daisy Meadow, Bridgemere

- Modern Detached in a sought after location
- UPVc Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Reception Hall + Guest Cloakroom
- Lounge & Dining Room

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£204,950**

Tipton
Hempole Lane, Queensgate — NEW

Modern Semi Detached having gas central heating and garage conversion. Reception hall, lounge / dining room, sitting room, fitted kitchen built in oven/hob, 3 bedrooms, en suite bathroom, family bathroom, driveway, rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£138,950**

Tipton
Oak Close — REDUCED

Purpose Built First Floor Flat having upvc double glazing and offering no upward chain. Reception area, lounge, fitted kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom and communal parking area.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£49,950**

Tipton
Lovatt Close, Rochford Gardens

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & immaculate accommodation. Sought after development whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, conservatory, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, excellent block paved driveway & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£126,950**

Tipton
Richards Road

Semi Detached having replacement upvc windows, gas central heating & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, block paved fore garden & good size rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£81,950**

Tipton
Anchor Drive, Duport Quays — REDUCED

Modern Middle 3 Storey Town House having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Built to 'The Chelsea' design the well presented internal accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway, integral garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£147,950**

Tipton
Newcomen Drive — REDUCED

Modern Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & cul de sac location. Good size accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, L'shape fitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway, garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£209,950**

Tipton
Standbridge Way — REDUCED

Modern Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway, garage and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£168,000**

Tipton
Ocker Hill Road — REDUCED

Middle Terrace having gas central heating and offering no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front, rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 522 3733 **£54,950**

Darlaston
Wolverhampton Street — REDUCED

A 2 bedroom mid terrace home. The property benefits gas central heating and double glazing (where specified). The property has good links to Bilston, Wednesbury and Willenhall and offers no upward chain! The accommodation comprises, dining room, lounge, kitchen, downstairs bathroom/wc, 2 bedrooms and rear garden in need of attention.
OFFERS OVER:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£65,000**

Wednesbury
Keir Road — NEW

Presenting a delightful 3 bedroom end residence. The property, which is located on this quiet road benefits gas central heating and double glazing (where specified). The accommodation briefly comprises a reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, recently re-fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom/wc, 3 bedrooms, enclosed rear garden and a gravelled driveway.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£99,995**

Wednesbury
Prince George Road

A 2 bedroom semi detached home having good commuter links. The property is double glazed (where specified), the accommodation comprises, a reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, fitted breakfast kitchen, 2 bedrooms, fitted bathroom suite, enclosed rear garden and off road parking to the front, all with no upward chain!
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£89,995**

Wednesbury
Booth Road

A Well presented 2 bedroom semi detached home. The property is located in a quiet cul-de-sac and benefits gas central heating and double glazing (Where specified). The accommodation is offered with no upward chain and briefly comprises a reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, recently re-fitted bathroom suite, delightful enclosed rear garden and off road parking for upto 2 cars.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£86,995**

Darlaston
Berry Avenue — NEW

Presenting an immaculate 3 bedroom mid terrace home. The property is double glazed and centrally heated (where specified) and has accommodation to comprise a reception hall, lounge, dining kitchen, conservatory, a delightfully recently re-fitted bathroom suite with a separate shower cubicle, 3 bedrooms, enclosed rear garden and a paved driveway.
OFFERS AROUND
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£102,500**

Wednesbury
Crankhall Lane — REDUCED

A 3 bedroom semi detached home. The property has access for all local amenities and good bus routes and has gas central heating and double glazing. The accommodation comprises; reception hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, guest wc, three bedrooms, family bathroom, enclosed front and rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£99,995**

Wednesbury
Hamstead Terrace

Presenting a 2 bedroom semi detached home, located in a quite cul-de-sac location. The property, offers ★NO UPWARD CHAIN!★ and would make a great first time purchase. The property is centrally heated and double glazed (where specified) and has accommodation to comprise a reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom/wc, enclosed rear garden and off road parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£104,995**

Darlaston
Willenhall Street

A deceptively spacious 2 bedroom semi detached home. The property benefits gas central heating and double glazing (where specified). The accommodation comprises lounge with feature fireplace, drawing room, downstairs bathroom/wc, fitted dining kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, enclosed rear garden and off road parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£119,995**

Darlaston
Cook Street — REDUCED

Presenting a 2 bedroom detached home. The property benefits gas central heating an double glazing (where specified) and offers no upward chain! The accommodation briefly comprises lounge with feature wood burner, dining room, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom/wc, 2 bedrooms and enclosed rear garden. The property occupies a corner plot.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£100,000**

Wednesbury
Woden Road East — REDUCED

An extended 3 bedroom end residence home. The property benefits gas central heating and double glazing. The accommodation comprises; reception hall, 24ft lounge, fitted kitchen, 1st floor and ground floor bathroom suites, enclosed rear garden and off road parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£110,000**

Wednesbury
John Fletcher Close

A modern 2 bedroom semi detached home. the property benefits gas central heating and double glazing. The property is fantastically located for easy access to the M6 and has accommodation to comprise; reception hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, fitted bathroom suite, enclosed rear garden and off road parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£119,995**

Darlaston
Taryn Drive, Primrose Gardens

Presenting a modern 3 bedroom link detached home. The property benefits gas central heating and double glazing (where specified) and would make an excellent family home! The property which is located on this modern development briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, recently re-fitted dining kitchen with oven & hob, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden off road parking and a car port.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£129,950**

Wednesbury
Oldbury Street

A spacious & well presented modern detached family home benefitting from central heating & double glazing. Further comprising entrance porch, hall, lounge, fitted dining kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, seperate wc, front & rear gardens & rear garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£149,995**

Wednesbury
Bromfield Crescent — REDUCED

A 3 bedroom semi detached home located in a quite cul-de-sac location. The property benefits gas central heating and double glazing, all with no upward chain! The accommodation comprises a reception hall, guest wc, through lounge diner, fitted kitchen, separate utility room, 3 bedrooms, fitted bathroom suite, enclosed rear garden and off road parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£118,000**

Wednesbury
Teal Grove, Hawkswood Grange

A Modern 3 bedroom detached home, located on a quite an popular development. The property benefits gas central heating and double glazing and would make a great family home. The accommodation comprises; storm porch, reception hall, fitted kitchen, lounge, UPVc conservatory, 3 bedrooms, master with en-suite, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden, off road parking and integrated garage.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£154,995**

Wednesbury
Oakeswell Street

A traditional 3 bedroom detached home. The property, which sist on this generous plot, boasts gas central heating and double glazing (where specified). The accommodation comprises reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, verandah, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, garage, sizeable enclosed rear garden and off road parking.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£164,950**

Wednesbury
Joynson Street, Kings Hill — REDUCED

An individual character detached residence built in 1887 and retaining many original features! Benefitting from gas central heating & intruder alarm. Comprising reception hall, 2 reception rooms, sun lounge, fitted kitchen, guest wc, 3 double bedrooms (bed being on the ground floor), bathroom, gardens with ★★5 CAR GARAGE★★ block & further off road parking for several vehicles.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£160,000**

Wednesbury
Resevoir Passage

An extended 3 bedroom detached home, with the scope for further extention (subject to planning). The property, which is located in this ever popular area benefits gas central heating and double glazing. The property's accommodation briefly comprises; reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, enclosed rear garden, off road parking for upto 3 cars.
OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: 0121 505 3533 **£189,995**

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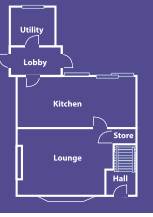

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West Bromwich Canterbury Road — NEW

An Attractive Semi Detached House located conveniently for Stone Cross Shops, Schools and Amenities. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing and No Upward Chain Available. Accomodation Comprises, Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Gardens to Front & Rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £124,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

West Bromwich Harrington Croft — NEW

A Modern 5 Bedroom Detached House, benefitting from Central Heating & Double Glazing, Accomodation Briefly Comprises:- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Master Bedroom with En Suite Bathroom/ WC, 4 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom/ WC, 2nd Floor Shower Room/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Garage.
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West Bromwich Phoenix Street — NEW

An Attractive Mid Terraced House benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. This deceptively spacious property comprises- Storm Porch, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, 3 Bedrooms, Gardens to Front & Rear, Large Garage to Rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £95,000
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West Bromwich Kiniths Way — NEW

An excellent Extended Traditional Semi Detached House. Great location for Dartmouth Park and Sandwell Hospital. Benefitting From Central Heating, Double Glazing, Intruder Alarm and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises, Integral Porch, Hall, Open Plan Lounge/ Dining Room, Conservatory, Extended Kitchen, Study/ Play Room, Ground Floor Shower Room/ WC, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Large Gardens to Front & Rear, Garage and Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £167,950
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West Bromwich Horsecroft Drive — NEW

An Attractive Modern Mid Terraced House within a quiet cul de sac location. Situated in the Popular Penny Hill Lane Area, this property benefits from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises- Porch, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, 2 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking for 2 Cars.
OFFERS AROUND
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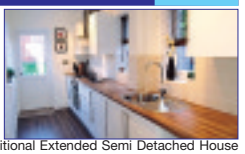
West Bromwich The Broadway, Hill Top — NEW



A Fully Refurbished and Modernised Traditional Extended Semi Detached House loated within the popular Cul De Sac of The Broadway. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain.
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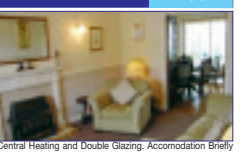
West Bromwich Creed Way — NEW

A Recently Built Ground Floor Apartment benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises, Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom/ WC, Bedroom and Allocated Parking Space.
OFFERS AROUND
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £74,950

West Bromwich Beaconview Road — REDUCED



An attractive, extended semi detached house. Benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Briefly Comprises, Storm Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, 4 Good sized bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, gardens to front and rear, off road parking and garage. Excellent Locality To Stone Cross and Tame Bridge Station.
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West Bromwich Essex Avenue — REDUCED

A Well Presented Semi Detached House having central heating, double glazing, intruder alarm & benefiting from no upward chain ! Breifly comprising Hall, Lounge, 21ft Refitted Dining Kitchen, Long Utility Room with WC off, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC, Car parking space to front, front & rear gardens.
Offers Around
Viewing: 0121 525 2111 £97,500

West Bromwich Hambletts Road

A Double Fronted Mid Terraced House With No Upward Chain. This spacious property affords, Central Heating, Double Glazing and a Pleasant open aspect overlooking playing fields. Accomodation Comprises, Porch, Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom, Seperate WC and Gardens to Front & Rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £94,995
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

West Bromwich Charlemont Avenue

A Delightful, Detached Bungalow with a quiet cul de sac position in this very popular residential area. Benefiting from Central Heating, Double Glazing, Intruder Alarm and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises Storm Porch, Hall, Extended Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Block paved Driveway (4 cars) Garage and Extensive Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £189,950
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West Bromwich All Saints Way

A Refurbished Three Bedroom Semi Detached House benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing, Intruder Alarm and No Upward Chain. Convenient for public transport links and Sandwell Hospital. Within easy reach of West Bromwich Town Centre. Accommodation comprises Reception Hall, Through Lounge, Refitted Kitchen/ Diner, Three Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC and Gardens to front and rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £129,950
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West Bromwich Willett Road

A Good Size Extended Semi Detached House with excellent location for local schools and amenities. Benefitting form Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen, Lobby with WC, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gardens to Front & Rear, Driveway Off Road Parking, Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £139,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

West Bromwich Walsall Road

An Extended Mid Terraced House. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
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West Bromwich Ruskin Street

An Extended Semi Detached House with an Excellent Town Centre Location. Benefitting From Central Heating Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprising; Entrance Hall, Large Open Plan Lounge/ Dining Room, Extended Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Large Rear Garden and Driveway Off Road Parking to Front.
OFFERS AROUND: £129,950
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West Bromwich Beaconview Road

An Attractive, Modern Ground Floor Apartment, located within the recently built Park Mews Developement. Benefitting From Central Heating, Double Glazing, Intruder Alarm and No Upward Chain. Accomodation breifly comprises- Open Plan Lounge/ Kitchen/ Diner, Inner Lobby with Large Storage Cupboard, Bathroom/ WC, Master Bedroom and Parking Space.
OFFERS AROUND: £69,950
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West Bromwich Hall Green Road

A Larger Type Traditional Semi Detached House benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Accomodation Comprises; Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Kitchen, Large Utility Area, Drying room with WC, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Block Paved Off Road Parking to Front and Large Rear Garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £179,950
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West Bromwich Mostyn Crescent

A Traditional Semi Detached House having central heating and occupying a quiet cul de sac position in this popular residential area. Storm Porch, Hall, 28ft Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Verandah, Covered Side Passageway, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC, Block paved forecourt affording off road parking for a car and a very small rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND
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West Bromwich Brindley Road

A Surprisingly Spacious, Double Fronted Semi Detached House benefiting from No Upward Chain. Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Good Sized Bedrooms, Bathroom, Seperate Wc, Large Garden to Rear and Front Garden with Path.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
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West Bromwich The Broadway

A Delightful three bedroomed semi detached house situated in a quiet cul-de-sac position in sought after residential area. Benefitting from gas central heating, double glazing and intruder alarm this traditional semi offers accommodation to include Integral Porch, Reception Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Kitchen, Three bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC. Garage, garden to rear and Block Paved Off Road Parking to front.
OFFERS AROUND: £149,950
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West Bromwich Crockford Road

An Attractive Semi Detached House having Central Heating and Double Glazing. Situated in a popular residential area, the accommodation comprises Canopy Porch, Reception Hall, Through Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC, Off Road Parking and Rear Garden. Viewing Highly Recommended
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Rowley Regis Penncricket Lane

A Modern Detached House Within A Popular Residential Area. Benefitting From Central Heating, Double Glazing and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises- Porch, Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear, Driveway and Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £145,000
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West Bromwich Grenville Place

A modern 2 bedroom end terraced house. Benefitting From Central Heating, Double Glazing (where specified) and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, Conservatory, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Seperate WC, Gardens to Front & Rear with Rear Vehicle Access.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
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West Bromwich Walsall Road

A Refurbished, Extended Mid Terraced House. Centrally heated, part double glazed and benefiting from no upward chain. Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Ground floor Bathroom WC, 3 Bedrooms, Shower Room /WC and fully enclosed rear garden with paved patio area and fish pond. Also has off road parking and garage.
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West Bromwich Greets Green Road

A 3 Bedroom, Mid Terraced House. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double gLazing and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprising, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Ground Floor Shower Room/ WC, 3 Bedrooms, Large Rear Garden, Block Paved to Front.
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West Bromwich Heath Lane

A Charming Detached House occupying a choice corner plot in this popular residential area. Centrally heated, double glazed and intruder alarmed. Many character features. Hall, Sitting Room, Fitted Kitchen, Spacious Extended Lounge/ Dining Room, 1 King Size Bedroom, 2 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom/WC and Off road parking for up to 4 cars at the rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £159,950
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West Midlands Bridge Street, West Bromwich

A 2 bedroom first floor flat situated in a quiet courtyard style location. Excellent possition for the Town Centre. Accomodation comprises- Hall, Lounge, 2 Bedrooms, Kitchen, Bathroom/ WC and Shared Garden.
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West Bromwich Esher Road

A Double Fronted End Terraced House benefitting from Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises Entrance Hall, Through Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Seperate WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £124,000
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West Bromwich Charlemont Avenue

A Delightful Traditional Semi Detached House with a popular cul de sac location. Almost entirely Double Glazed and Centrally Heated, this property offers excellent family sized accomodation. Accomodation Briefly Comprises- Hall, Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge, Sitting room extended into small conservatory, Sun Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Split level gardens to Front & Rear and Driveway Off Road Parking to Side Garage.
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West Bromwich Claypit Lane

A 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House with excellent location for schools and amenities. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing, Intruder Alarm and No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms, Garden to Rear, Driveway Parking to Front.
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West Bromwich Grafton Road

A Two Storey Extended Semi Detached House. Benefitting From Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance Hall with Cloak Cupboard, Through Lounge/ Dining Room, Extended Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Extended Bathroom/ WC, Delightfully Landscaped Rear Garden and Driveway Off Road Parking.
OFFERS AROUND: £145,950
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West Bromwich Grange Road

A recently refurbished and well presented mid terrace benefitting from central heating, double glazing and no upward chain. Excellent town centre location, close to local amenities. Accomodation comprises, Hall, 2 x Reception Rooms, Lobby, Kitchen, Refitted Ground Floor Bathroom, 3 Bedrooms and Gardens to Front & Rear.
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West Bromwich Clifford Road

A Good Size Mid Terraced House. No Upward Chain. Benefitting form Central Heating and Majority Double Glazing. Accomodation Comprises Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom/ WC, Verandah, 3 Bedrooms, Gardens to Front & Rear.
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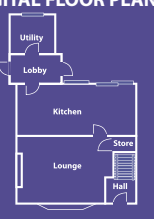

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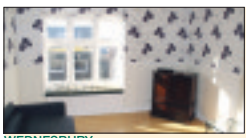

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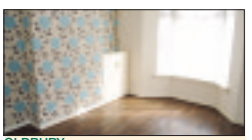

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- with En-Suite
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Master Bedroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

£122,950

WEDNESBURY
MANOR HOUSE ROAD
- 3 Bed Semi-Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Rear Garden
- Kitchen
- Driveway

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TIPTON
BILSTON ROAD
- 3 Bed Semi-Detached
- Veranda
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Kitchen
- Garage

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DEVON ROAD
- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Cloakroom W.C.
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garage

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WEST BROMWICH
WHITGREAVE STREET
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Small Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway

£124,950

WEDNESBURY
CHARLOTTE ROAD
- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Block Paved Driveway
- Fitted Kitchen

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WEST BROMWICH
ADELAIDE AVENUE
- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Fitted Kitchen
- Detached Garage

£137,950

WEDNESBURY
ST DAVIDS DRIVE
- 3 Bed Semi Detached
- with En-Suite
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Detached Garage
- Master Bedroom

£138,000

WEST BROMWICH
EDWIN PHILLIPS DRIVE
- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Off Road Parking

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WEST BROMWICH
HYDES ROAD
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- W.C.
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Extended Kitchen
- Driveway

£139,950

MOXLEY
HIGH STREET
- 3 Bedroom Detached
- with En-Suite
- Further Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Family Bathroom
- Kitchen
- Large Rear Garden
- Master Bedroom

£149,950

WEDNESBURY
OAKESWELL STREET
- 3 Bedroom Detached
- Summer House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Family Bathroom
- Kitchen
- Garage

£164,950

WEST BROMWICH
BIRD END
- Four Bedroom Dormer Bungalow
- Dining Room
- Two Bathrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Large Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Garage & Driveway

£234,950

WEST BROMWICH
ALL SAINTS WAY
- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- One Bed Anex
- Kitchen
- Garage

£249,950

WEST BROMWICH
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OLDBURY

FARM ROAD

Offers in the region of £159,950

A traditional semi detached property benefiting from two storey extension to the rear, hall entrance stores off, through lounge with dining area and feature fireplace, L shaped kitchen. Staircase from hallway to first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes) bathroom, side garage, double glazing and central heating, parking to front and rear garden

OLDBURY

REDUCED

SWAN CRESCENT

Offers in the region of £140,000

An extended semi detached property situated in one of the areas most desirable cul-de-sac locations, storm porch, reception hall, cloak area, W.C., through lounge, dining kitchen, side utility area. Staircase from reception hall to first floor landing off which lead, three bedrooms, stairs to loft office or playroom, bathroom, large rear garden and rear vehicular access.

OLDBURY

HAYES ROAD

Offers in the region of £139,950

A well presented and tastefully modernly decorated double fronted semi detached property Hall entrance, lounge feature fireplace including log burner, dining kitchen with integrated appliances, W.C. off. Staircase to three bedrooms (walk in wardrobe off master) bathroom shower over bath, double glazed, central heating where specified, off road parking, front and rear gardens

OLDBURY

PARKFIELD ROAD

Offers in the region of £136,500

A traditional semi-detached property recently being extended providing larger kitchen and shower wet room, but still requiring some refurbishment. Porch entrance, reception hall, understairs stores, two reception rooms, kitchen, shower wet room, staircase to first floor landing off which lead, three bedrooms, bathroom, central heating, double glazed where specified, gardens, rear garage

WEST BROMWICH

ANDREW ROAD

Offers in the region of £129,950

A detached family home situated on a corner plot offering well planned accommodation comprising hall entrance stores off, through lounge incorporating dinning area, kitchen integral oven and hob, staircase to three bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, double glazing, central heating, off road parking, garage gardens to front side and rear.

OLDBURY

BRISTNALL HALL ROAD

Offers In the Region of £119,950

A traditional semi detached property having rear vehicular access and well planned accommodation, storm porch entrance into reception hall, two reception rooms, kitchen, cupboard and passageway to side. Staircase from to first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms, bathroom with shower over bath, double glazing, central heating, front and rear gardens

OLDBURY

VICTORIA ROAD

Offers in the region of £112,950

A semi detached property situated in a corner position having potential for side extension subject to planning consent, reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, kitchen, shower room. Staircase from reception hall to first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms, gas central heating, double glazing where specified, off road parking, front and rear gardens

OLDBURY

FARM ROAD

Offers in the region of £110,000

A fully modernised and improved mid-terraced property situated in one of the areas most sought after locations offering good sized accommodation. Side entrance into hall, two reception rooms both having feature fireplace, lobby, kitchen area, bathroom having seperate shower, staircase to first floor landing, three bedrooms, central heating, double glazing where specified and garden to rear.

OLDBURY

ETHEL STREET

Offers in the region of £107,950

A fully refurbished and modernised well presented mid terraced property situated in a highly sought after and convenient location offering ideal first purchase uPVC entrance door, front room, inner hallway, rear sitting room with feature fireplace, galley style kitchen, lobby, bathroom with shower over bath. Staircase to first floor landing, two bedrooms, double glazing, gas central heating, rear garden

OLDBURY

CAUSEWAY GREEN ROAD

Offers in the region of £106,995

A deceptively well maintained and improved End Terraced residence offering ideal first purchase, hall entrance front room L shaped rear sitting room with dining area location bathroom staircse from hall to first floor landing three bedrooms w.c off master bedroom gas central heating double glazing off road parking and front and rear garden.

WEST BROMWICH

CASH SALE

WESTBOURNE ROAD

Offers in the region of £55,000

An end terraced property requiring full modernisation and refurbishment offering an ideal investment opportunity to CASH PURCHASERS only. Hall entrance, two reception rooms, kitchen, lobby, bathroom. Staircase from rear sitting room to first floor landing of which lead two bedrooms, front and rear gardens

ROWLEY REGIS

TO LET

MIDHILL DRIVE

£650 pcm

A well maintained detached residents available to let on a popular sought after estate offering good sized family accommodation. Storm porch entrance, reception hall, lounge ,dining kitchen dividing breakfast bar. Staircase from hall to first floor landing, three bedrooms, shower room, central heating and double glazing, side garage, off road parking to front, rear garden

TIVIDALE

TO LET

TEMPLE WAY

£435 pcm

A deceptively spacious first floor flat offering ideal accommodation for a couple or single person. Hall entrance, staircase extending to first floor landing, stores and loft space off, lounge with feature fireplace, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom with shower over bath, rear garden

WEDNESBURY

TO LET

CRANKHALL LANE

£350 pcm

A single person's first floor flat above a shop premises in a convenient location offering well planned and presented accommodation comprising communal entrance from side with staircase to first floor landing, entrance door to hall, lounge with fireplace, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, gas central heating and double glazing

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SPEAKERS CLOSE, TIVIDALE

Situated in a popular and desirable residential locality just off Darbys Hill Road, this modern Bellway detached home offers good family accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. The well planned accommodation includes reception hall, front lounge with feature fireplace, open plan dining kitchen, three good sized bedrooms (master with en suite shower room), house bathroom, garage, well laid out rear garden, freehold.

Offers based on £175,000

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

BERESFORD ROAD, OLDBURY

Situated in a convenient locality just off the Birmingham Road, this well presented and villa residence offers good accommodation with the benefit of part double glazing and gas fired central heating, the accommodation includes two bedrooms, first floor bathroom, two reception rooms, kitchen, gardens, freehold.

Offers based on £97,500

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

TAME ROAD, OLDBURY

Situated in an established neighbourhood this well presented deceptively spacious mid town house offers good accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. Full internal inspection is highly recommended and it briefly comprises reception hall, open plan lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, shower room, rear garden with vehicular access providing off street parking, freehold.

Offers based on £119,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

REDUCED

WELLESLEY ROAD, OLDBURY

Situated in an established residential locality off Tat Bank Road this traditional mid terraced residence offers good accommodation with the benefit of central heating and briefly comprises front lounge, open plan dining kitchen, utility, bathroom, two double bedrooms, gardens, freehold.

Offers based on £69,000

Viewing: Oldbury Office

THE OVAL, SMEHWICK

Situated in an established residential neighbourhood of Smethwick this traditional style semi detached residence offers good accommodation which has gas fired central heating and double glazing (where specified), but is in need general improvement, briefly comprises reception hall, front living room, open plan dining kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, off street parking to front, garden to rear, freehold.

Offers based on £107,500

Viewing: Oldbury Office

HAYES CRESCENT, OLDBURY

Forming an ideal first time purchase this well presented traditional mid town house offers good accommodation with the benefit of double glazing and gas fired central heating. Internal inspection is highly recommended and briefly comprises reception hall, front lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms, off street parking to front, gardens. Freehold

Offers based on £109,500

Viewing: Oldbury Office

EVA ROAD, BEARWOOD

Situated in this popular neighbourhood within easy reach of comprehensive day to day amenities, a traditional style freehold semi detached residence offering PVC double glazed and gas centrally heated accommodation to include three bedrooms, bathroom, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, garden to the rear, side garage and having the benefit of off street parking for two cars to the front, but being in need of some cosmetic improvement.

Offers based on £104,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

PARK ROAD, BEARWOOD

A deceptively spacious and well presented mid terraced villa residence located in this pleasant and extremely popular throughfare, being within easy reach of Lightwoods Park and Warley Woods and offering gas centrally heated and mostly PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, fully tiled and refitted bathroom, split level through lounge/dining room, superbly presented refitted kitchen breakfast room and garden to the rear, having comprehensive day to day amenities close at hand to include easy access to Birmingham city centre and with internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £168,000

Viewing: Bearwood Office

CHURCH ROAD, BEARWOOD

A most sympathetically improved, attractively presented and exceptionally convenient traditional style freehold semi detached style villa residence offering gas centrally heated, PVC double glazed and fully alarmed accommodation to include a most attractive through lounge/dining room, spacious refitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, fully tiled refitted bathroom and established gardens, having the benefit of a modern damp proof course, wiring and re-lined roof, with comprehensive amenities close at hand and being ideal for first time purchasers.

Offers based on £104,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

OAKWOOD ROAD, BEARWOOD

A recently refurbished and superbly presented traditional style freehold terraced villa located in this popular neighbourhood midway between Smethwick and Bearwood town centres, offering gas centrally heated and mostly PVC glazed accommodation to include two double bedrooms, refitted bathroom with individual shower compartment, two reception rooms, superb fitted kitchen, utility, downstairs cloakroom and garden to the rear, having the benefit of comprehensive day to day amenities close at hand, ideally suited for first time purchasers and with internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £119,950

Viewing via Bearwood Office

REDUCED

BARCLAY ROAD, BEARWOOD

Superbly improved in a most tasteful and sympathetic manner to an exceedingly high specification, a substantial traditional style freehold villa residence offering exceptional family accommodation, offering four double bedrooms, two being 17ft wide, fully tiled refitted bathroom with shower, through hall, downstairs WC, 29ft through lounge/dining room, impressive fully equipped and refitted dining/kitchen and mature gardens.

£290,000 Final reduction

Viewing: Bearwood Office

TUDOR STREET

A modern town house offering gas centrally heated PVC double glazed and alarmed accommodation to include two double bedrooms, bathroom with electric shower, spacious lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, neatly laid out gardens to front and rear and having the benefit of off-street parking to the rear, with comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and providing easy access to Birmingham city centre, ideally suited for first time buyers.

Offers based on £99,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

PUBLIC AUCTION

Our next collective auction sale is scheduled for

MONDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2010

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LOT 1: **40 CLARENDON ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 6DA**
Freehold 3 bedroomed centrally heated and double glazed terraced — £75-80,000

LOT 2: **8 BRISBANE ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 7AN**
Freehold double glazed and centrally heated 2 bedroomed villa — £80-85,000

LOT 3: **38 REGINALD ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5AE**
Freehold 2 bedroomed centrally heated villa needing some modernisation — £85-90,000

LOT 4: **214 DOROTHY ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 6JP**
Freehold end town house with central heating some modernisation — £85-90,000

LOT 5: **214 MONTAGUE ROAD, SMETHWICK B66 4PN**
Freehold 3 bedroomed terraced with central heatin,g needing some improvement — £85-88,000

LOT 6: **17 TEMPLE WAY, TIVIDALE B69 3JP**
Freehold double glazed modern town house needing some improvement — £ circa 105,000

LOT 7: **1 SLATCH HOUSE ROAD, SMETHWICK B67 5QD**
Freehold double glazed and centrally heated 2 bedroomed terraced — £ circa 90,000

LOT 8: **129 KATHERINE ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5QY**
Freehold 3 bedroomed terraced with central heating, needing some improvement — £ circa 90,000

LOT 9: **277A PORTLAND ROAD, EDGBASTON, B17 8LU**
Freehold modern centrally heated and double glazed 5 bedroomed detached — £ 180,00-190,000

LOT 10: **33 THREE SHIRES OAK ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5BZ**
Freehold 2 bedroomed centrally heated and double glazed villa, needing some further improvement — £95,000-100

LOT 11: **61 RATHBONE ROAD, BEARWOOD B67 5EJ**
Freehold centrally heated 3 bedroomed villa needing needing some further improvement — £95,000-100,000

LOT 12: **16 CAPETHORN ROAD, SMETHWICK B66 4LZ**
Freehold 2 bedroomed terraced, needing improvement — £60-60,000

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Offers $99,000

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LET
Three bedroom link detached property, large reception room, CH and DG, garage and drive.
£575 PCM

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LET
Large 3 bedroom property, 2 reception rooms, ch and dg, bathroom with shower cubicle, rear enclosed garden.
£500 PCM

TIPTON FERGUSON DRIVE
Modern 2 bedroom apartment, spacious reception room, double glazed windows, allocated parking, fitted kitchen and bathroom.
£525 PCM

TIPTON SPRING MEADOW
Lovely 1 bedroom flat, open plan kitchen, storage heaters, double glazed window. allocated parking
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LET
3 bedroom house comprising of: 2 reception rooms, fitted bathroom, fitted kitchen, front and rear gardens, central heating and double glazing. Unfurnished
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REDUCED
Modern 2 bedroom ground floor apartment, spacious lounge, good size bedrooms, storage heating, dg windows, allocated parking.
£475 PCM

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LET
4 bed detatched property, lounge, dinig area, utility room. seperate w.c. fitted kitchen and bathroom. ch and dg. furnished. off road parking.
£600 PCM

WEST BROMWICH YORK CRESCENT
LET
Modern 3 bed property, master bed with en-suite, central heated and double glazed. spacious lounge. first floor bathroom. drive and garage. must be viewed.
£625 PCM

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LET
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3 bedroom sacious property, large reception room, central heated and double glazed, available part furnished
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2 bedroom modern ground floor apartment, large reception room, central heated and double glazed, unfurnished. allocated parking
£490 PCM

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Offers Around: £154,950

OLDBURY
NEW INSTRUCTION
Pottery Road
An attractively presented, thoughtfully improved, spacious, 3 bedroomed semi detached property conveniently situated, truly requiring an internal inspection, having double glazing, gas radiator heating and briefly comprising:- Porch, entrance hall, delightful spacious through lounge/dining area, attractive conservatory, fitted kitchen (with oven/hob), utility area, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, drive providing off road parking and rear garden.
Offers Around: £149,950

SMETHWICK
NEW INSTRUCTION
Woodbourne Road
3 bedroomed traditional style semi detached property pleasantly situated within this popular neighbourhood, requiring modernization and updating but offering potential, having majority double glazing and briefly comprising:- Entrance hall, through lounge/dining area, rear lean to verandah, 3 bedrooms, narrow garage/useful store at the side (with w.c off) and good sized rear garden.
Offers around £149,950

SMETHWICK
NEW INSTRUCTION
Shakespeare Road
A deceptively spacious, well presented and thoughtfully improved, 3 bedroomed intermediate family home conveniently situated, having double glazing, gas radiator heating and briefly comprising :- Porch, Entrance vestibule, delightful spacious through lounge with dining area, attractive conservatory, fitted kitchen (having integrated appliances), 3 bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking and pleasant rear garden. Viewing Essential.
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TIPTON
NEW PRICE
Wrens Avenue
A meticulously maintained, exceptionally well presented, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached constructed to an individual design in the 1950's upon a fine "double plot" with highly individual accommodation providing; entrance porch, imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, separate dining room with bay, 23'3" through lounge with uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond, upgraded kitchen, lobby, stores, and a through utility/laundry section. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with an extensive range of fitted units & possibilities of sub division?), bathroom, separate toilet. Double garage, good sized sheltered rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
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OLDBURY
VIEWING ESSENTIAL NO UPWARD CHAIN
Perryhill Crescent
A deceptively spacious, well proportioned 3 bedroomed intermediate family home in a pleasant cul-de-sac position, requiring internal inspection, having double glazing, gas radiator heating and briefly comprising:- Porch, entrance vestibule, spacious through lounge, attractive kitchen, breakfast room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, separate w.c and pleasant good sized rear garden. No upward chain.
Offers Around: £134,950

OLDBURY
NEW PRICE
Causeway Green Road
Attractive, well presented, spacious, thoughtfully improved 3 bedroomed end terraced property having double glazing, gas radiator heating, requiring internal inspection and briefly comprising:- Entrance hall, sitting room, attractive L-Shaped lounge with dining area, kitchen, rear vestibule, re-fitted downstairs bathroom, 3 bedrooms (master having w.c off), and pleasant rear garden.
Offers Around: £104,950

TIVIDALE
Mary Road
Conveniently situated close to City Road, a conscientiously maintained freehold, uPVC double glazed semi-detached with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS and within walking distance of so many amenities. Offering considerable potential, the accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, pantry, two large double bedrooms (both with wardrobes), bathroom with shower. Block paved foregarden, good sized/secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
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PEUGEOT 308 GT 200

ROAD TEST

French firm's 'warm' hatch showcases its manufacturing prowess, says **Richard H Hammond**

Sporty yet practical GT is birthday treat

Peugeot celebrates its 200th anniversary this year, which is quite an achievement.

To put it into context, when Peugeot was founded in 1810, Napoleon had 11 years left in him and Beethoven was still hard at work.

Of course, had Napoleon or Beethoven popped down to their local Peugeot dealership it would have been to purchase a coffee mill rather than a car.

The company's first foray into mobility came with push bikes in 1830. It wasn't until the 1890s that Peugeot built its first internal combustion engine-powered cars, inspired by meetings with Gottlieb Daimler in person.

More than a century later, cars have advanced to a level that would have been unthinkable to the fathers and founders of the motoring industry – a level that allows Peugeot to mark its bi-centenary with a model powered by an engine less than three-times the size of those in its first ever models, but producing 100-times the power.

The 1.6-litre turbocharged unit present in the 308 GT 200 makes it the most powerful version of the 308 hatchback since the model's launch in late 2007.

Put to good use in the new RCZ Coupe and in the 308CC convertible, it's an engine used to deliver a combination of power and economy by other manufacturers, too. Peugeot aficionados will have noticed that the 308 GT is missing something.

The additional 'i' is noticeable through its absence from the GT badge. Although the model is badged as the 308 GTi in some European markets, Peugeot has stopped short of giving it the full-blown GTi title in the UK.

Why? The answer lies in the GT 200's tractable nature. It's not a full blown hot hatch designed to compete with scalding three-door performance models such as the Ford Focus RS, RenaultSport Megane, Volkswagen Golf R or Seat Leon Cupra R, but with 200bhp and a sub-eight second 0-62mph acceleration time, it's not your run-of-the-mill family hatch, either.

The extra chilli that would have earned the model a GTi badge has been deliberately left out of the mixture in favour of five-doors, a more agreeable ride and better manners around town.

These aims, the 308 GT 200 achieves. Despite the induction roar and impressive in-gear acceleration, the model is capable of functioning just like a regular family car from nine to five. The five-door layout offers good access and practicality, the steering is light around town and the ride demonstrates typical French prowess. Yet there's always a degree of menace bubbling away under the surface. It's implicit from the exterior styling; the 308's handsome design has been subtly revised in GT 200 specification with butch bumpers at both ends, a rear diffuser, twin chrome exhausts, carbon inserts in the front and particularly attractive alloy wheels. It is subtly aggressive but still discreet, boosting the everyday appeal.

Peugeot's lively 308 GT 200 offers a measured blend of the sensible and entertaining

However, when the mood calls for it the 308GT goes a long way towards delivering GTi thrills. The 1.6 THP unit comes with a rewarding soundtrack and the chassis, although not on a par with genuine hot hatch models, proves more than capable of dealing with enthusiastic cornering.

The GT 200 changes direction nimbly and with little loss of traction, body roll is limited given the quality of the ride and both throttle response and braking are impressively urgent.

The steering suffers for its tractable nature in town, offering decent weight but limited feedback and the steering wheel feels a little oversized for a sporty model. On the control front, the staggered pedal heights take a little getting use to as well.

Despite these small faults, you can rely on the model to put a smile on your face with its performance.

The value for money is likely to do the same. Half-leather interior, parking sensors, dual-zone climate control, electric windows and mirrors and neat touches such as the metal gear knob and pedals are all standard.

Lumbar support and side bolsters on the excellent front seats along with an arm rest for rear passengers makes it effortlessly comfortable, and the interior ambience teeters on luxurious thanks to some contemporary styling and details.

Peugeot could have celebrated its birthday with an all-out performance model but the sporty yet tractable 308 GT 200 is actually a far better demonstration of the manufacturer's car building ability. It's a measured blend of sensible and entertaining, and would no doubt have pleased the Peugeot family.

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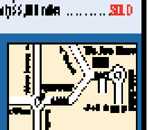

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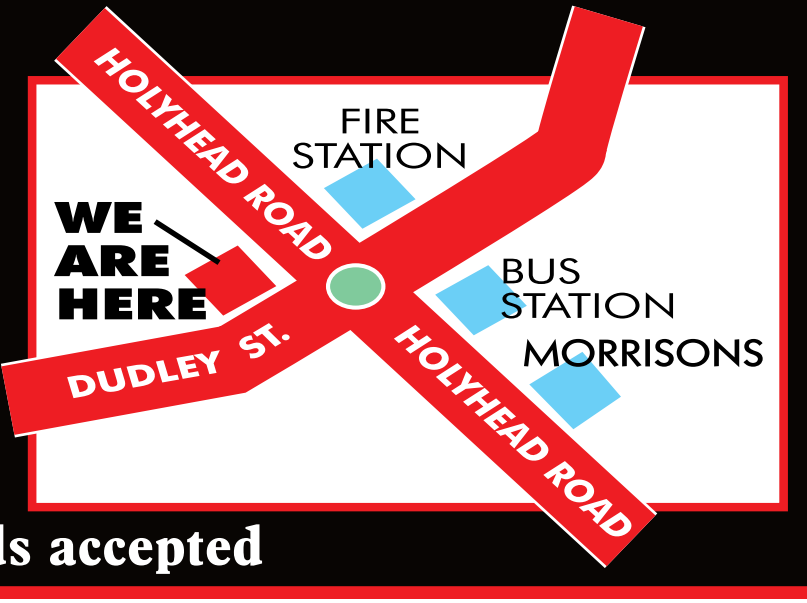

On target for world's top 32

A YOUNG darts ace from Wednesbury has made it into the world's top 32-ranked players for his age.

Matthew Dicken, of Hazel Avenue, reached the second round of the PDC Unicorn Under-21 World Darts Championship at the Barnsley Metrodome.

Unemployed Matthew, aged 17, won one match before going out of the 64-man tournament – meaning he is in the world's top 32 players for his age group.

In the best-of-seven legs format matches, Matthew beat Jamie McNair 4-1 before going out to Shaun Griffiths 4-3.

Matthew, who practices for three hours a day, qualified at the Rileys Darts Zone in Solihull for the Barnsley shoot-out.

He said: "The whole weekend was a fantastic experience. I am used to winning darts matches so it was great for me to play against some talented young PDC stars.

Standard

"I knew the standard at the World Championships would be high. I was quite happy with how I played. I missed a few doubles and my opponent took advantage of that.

"I hope to be back next year to give it another shot."

More than 1,000 amateur players took part in qualifying tournaments held around the country.

Rileys chief executive Maurice Kelly added: "The standard of play was exceptional – as you would expect in a tournament featuring the world's best young darts talent. Matthew is a promising player and we wish him the best of luck with his darts for the future."

Matthew Dicken at the World Championship event

Winners – Grace Allsop-Buckler, left, and Sophia Klair with team-mates

Unbeaten netball stars in a tournament on trip

AN UNBEATEN netball team from Tipton chalked up a free holiday to Holland in a magazine competition.

The Year 11 girls, from Alexandra High School in Tipton won the trip with Netball Magazine on the back of another unbeaten season.

The team have now gone through their entire school career without losing a single match, starting their unbeaten streak in Year 7.

And the girls were not content to rest on their laurels even on holiday in Balkenburg, entering another tournament against visiting teams from around the UK.

And even when they were supposed to be putting their feet up and enjoying their success, they still had that winning habit – seeing off rival teams from Surbiton and Hertfordshire and from around Wales to take the title home to the Black Country.

PE teacher Donna Behan said: "It's amazing really, I am so proud of them. It's remarkable to think they've gone through their entire school career without losing a match. They are a great team and lovely girls."

The team travelled to the Netherlands during October half-term.

During the trip, the team were coached by former England netball stars. The 11 girls did also take some time out to unwind with tobogganning trips, lazer quest and karaoke nights out.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Cup heroes Tipton see bid for Vase glory halted

HEATH•HAYES 2 TIPTON•TOWN 1

TIPTON'S adventure in this year's FA Vase is over after they bowed out to fellow Midland Alliance side Heath Hayes.

Following last week's historic FA Cup game at Carlisle it was back to business but Tipton failed to produce and a disappointing performance saw the home side claim a deserved win.

Tipton were forced to shuffle their pack with Steve Palmer and Jozsef Jakab both ruled out with Cameron Jones and Ryan Mosedale starting.

It was Jones who produced the first threat when he crossed towards Danny Campbell who was beaten to the ball by home keeper Oli Crutchley.

Jones then threatened again when he fired an effort wide of the post.

The home side began to get a hold on the game with the pacy Ben Haseley causing problems.

Ashley Perry was thwarted by a smart save from Tipton's Matt Sargeant, but Perry was not to be denied and fired Heath Hayes in front with a low shot.

Rallied

Tipton rallied and were level on 21 minutes when Mosedale's corner was headed home at the back post by Ross Brown.

But the home side hit back to regain the lead 10 minutes later.

Tipton failed to clear the danger from a corner and Tom Baggott drove the ball home via a deflection.

The home side could have been out of sight at the break, a long ball over the top again wasn't dealt with and Haseley saw his first shot saved before skying the rebound well over the top.

Tipton improved after the interval. Mosedale's free-kick was saved by Crutchley and when the ball fell to Brown he unleashed a stinging effort that was superbly kept out by the home keeper.

Eric Bowen tested Crutchley from distance but the keeper was equal to it and as Tipton pushed for an equaliser substitute Nicky Pugh went close with a long range drive that hit the bar with the keeper beaten.

The home side broke clear in injury time as Tipton pushing on in search of an equaliser with Sargeant denying Dave Waple.

Bustleholme ease through

BUSTLEHOLME 2 BARTON TOWN 0

BUSTLEHOLME inflicted only the second defeat of the season on Barton Town Old Boys to progress to the next round of the FA Vase.

Matt Jukes hit the bar after only five minutes but they went in front when Ash Grainger and Conner Scott combined for the latter to cross and Jamie Clews head home.

Jukes went close to doubling the lead but saw his effort saved.

Barton worked back into the game but keeper Neil Page denied a forward who was clean through. Two minutes from time Clews was on the mark again, converting a centre from Scott.

Tividale show tenacity at the top

TIVIDALE 5 GOODRICH 2

WITH most of their rivals on FA Vase duty, Tividale took the chance to put more pressure on the chasing pack with a win against an unpredictable Goodrich side.

The home side attacked from the off and in the first minute Kyle Hill went down in the box but the referee waived play on.

The stalemate did not last long and the first goal was scored by debutant Chris Rabone, who skipped past his marker and fired Tividale in front on seven minutes.

Tividale pushed on in search of a second goal and only a mixture of last-ditch defending and wayward finishing kept the score at 1-0 for the next 10 minutes, with Adam Hill, Brett Clark and Chris Russell missing the best of the chances.

On 17 minutes, Matt Salmon played a delightful one-two with Russell and broke into the box only to be upended by Goodrich's Matt Curley. This time there was no doubt and the referee pointed to the spot and Russell fired home.

Tividale continued to pile on the pressure and carve open the visitors defence with Adam Hill and the menacing Russell going close.

The visitors' first threat came on 31 minutes when they won a free-kick on the edge of the box but it was comfortably cleared.

Normal service was resumed when it was all hands to the pump in the Goodrich defence as the league leaders again failed to convert chance after chance.

Pressure

Eventually the pressure paid off and from another goalmouth scramble the ball fell to Kyle Hill who calmly flicked the ball over Goodrich keeper Daniel Ware to make it 3-0 at half-time.

The second half began well for the visitors and from their second attack Matt Rutter played in Daniel Chattwood and as young Tividale keeper Luke Stevens came out he calmly lifted the ball over him to reduce the deficit.

The goal sparked Goodrich into life and the game became more open.

Tividale were able to exploit the space made available by the visitors attacks and on the hour Kyle Hill fired in another cross and Russell steered the ball home to restore the home side's three-goal advantage.

Goodrich hit back on 67 minutes when Tividale keeper Stevens misjudged his punch and Curley got there before him to head home to make the score 4-2.

The final goal of an entertaining game came three minutes from time when the hard-working Brett Clark fired home from close range to complete a 5-2 win.

The last action came deep into stoppage time when Tividale defender Joel Kettle handled in the area. But skipper Rutter fired high and wide from the spot.

Kajol is English champ

A GREAT Barr pupil has notched up a national kick-boxing award after taking up the sport only a year ago.

Kajol Patel, aged 10, began training at Saxon Kickboxing last year. Her enthusiasm was such that she trained whenever possible at their Digbeth, Castle Vale and Erdington bases. And now she has been crowned World Kickboxing Association Junior English Champion for children aged nine-11, weighing in under 30kg.

Coach Alan Shakespeare said: "She's only trained a year and yet she's won this award. It's remarkable. She trains four or five times a week."

Impressed

Mr Shakespeare entered Kajol to compete for the West Midlands title but she impressed judges so much they moved her up to compete for the national honour.

He added: "She's naturally athletic and the officials decided she could leapfrog the West Midlands stage."

The competition saw Kajol, a Hamstead Junior School pupil, tough it out in five one-and-a-half minute rounds. She took the winner's belt at the Ramada Hotel, Sutton Coldfield, following Tyler Shakespeare's clash against Sam Allen for the World Professional Pro Am title.

Kajol Patel, aged 10, has become the WKA Junior English Champion

Boxing clever at Tipton centre

FITNESS conscious residents in Tipton are being invited to shed a few pounds before the Christmas festivities begin with an energetic new class.

Tipton Swimming Centre, on Queens Road, is hosting hour-long Boxacise classes which use boxing exercises and techniques to provide a thorough workout.

Sandwell Council spokesperson Claire Bustin said: "The session is ideal to get you in trim; toning your body and increasing your fitness."

Classes take place every Tuesday at 7pm and cost £3.80 each week, while all leisure pass discounts apply.

Visit the website www.slt-leisure.co.uk for more information.

Right: Stacey Hughes promotes the new Boxacise classes at Tipton Swimming Centre

England stars to launch massive new sports superstore

ENGLAND sporting heroes Darren Gough and Austin Healey are to show off their skills at the launch of a new sport superstore in Wednesbury.

Cricket ace Gough and rugby star Healey will go head to head in a series of challenges to help officially launch the Decathlon Store in Wednesbury, just off Junction 9 of the M6, on Saturday at 11am.

The duo, who have also hit the headlines for their exploits on Strictly Come Dancing, will do a 'Decathlon' of events against each other in a Superstars style game. Events will include sports from within the Decathlon range, including football, rugby, archery and cricket.

Decathlon manager Anthony Kirkwood is looking forward to the event and believes that the store could not have a more fitting opening. He said: "Decathlon caters for an amazing array of sporting interests with over 70 separate disciplines covered by our range. We also have the room in store for people to try out equipment and get expert advice from our trained team members in that field.

"Decathlon is a sporting expert and Darren and Austin are sporting legends – it is fantastic that they are coming along to mark our opening and have some fun."

Decathlon, the world's largest sports retailer, is making a £15m investment in the new 50,000 square foot store in Wednesbury, which will employ around 100 people.

In the East End, Di Matteo's men prove they're no pushovers

Never-say-die Albion battle on for a point

Carlton Cole holds off Paul Scharner in the Premier League clash

West Ham 2
Albion 2

ANOTHER day, another fightback... Albion these days simply do not know when they are beaten.

And the battling spirit that earned another well-deserved point at Upton Park last week.

Not since the glorious ending to the 'Great Escape' have Baggies fans seen a side so determined in adversity. This time, however, Albion have the depth of talent and infrastructure to capitalise if they can survive their first season in the Premier League.

It's so far, so good when it comes to clearing that hazardous first hurdle. And in the East End, Roberto Di Matteo's men proved once again they are no longer pushovers when things get tough, be it in a single game or in their season.

In fact, this Baggies side might just be at their best when the chips are down. And their followers are loving a team with bottle.

They arrived at the Boleyn Ground fresh from back-to-back defeats. And, with 19 minutes to play, they were staring a third straight loss squarely in the face. But Di Matteo's Baggies do not believe in lost causes – as Birmingham, Fulham and even Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur with testify.

Such is their record of rescuing points this term that it was hardly a surprise when Pablo Ibanez headed home an equaliser to earn a point and halt a losing sequence before it could turn into 'a run'.

In truth, the noisy band of Baggies fans who made it to East London did not see vintage Albion.

They were slick and sloppy in equal measure on an evening when too many passes went astray from both sides for Upton Park to witness a classic. But a highly-charged crowd did see an enthralling, high-tempo encounter in which both sides could make a case to be deserved winners – but in which a point apiece was a just outcome.

For the Baggies it was a night of positives beyond the result.

Ibanez capped a solid all-round display with his first Premier League goal, Peter Odemwingie was back on the score-sheet, James Morrison was back on the pitch and the recalled Graham Dorrans offered glimpses of class that suggested his best form might not be a million miles away.

A bloodied Steven Reid is taken off for treatment after a clash of heads at Upton Park

Albion striker Peter Odemwingie, centre, is congratulated after putting his side ahead

Most of all, the points tally ticked over by another digit as Albion crept another small step towards their magic survival target.

They spent much of the opening period on the backfoot, yet they would have led against the run of play had Jerome Thomas showed greater awareness after an excellent 50-yard run through the middle of the field.

He reached the edge of the box but, faced by a defender, he fired a tame shot at home keeper Robert Green with Odemwingie and Dorrans unmarked either side of him and screaming for a pass.

Chris Brunt blasted over from 30 yards after good work Dorrans, but Albion were guilty of squandering possession cheaply in the opening quarter of the game.

Marek Cech then had to be alert to make a vital interception on the edge of the box after Paul Scharner had over-elaborated in midfield.

The Baggies had completed their first mission, however, surviving the opening 25 minutes unscathed and raising the nervousness among the impatient home crowd. And the impressive Brunt had a major hand in the visitors eventually claiming the lead as he both won and took the corner that brought a penalty on 38 minutes.

Referee Mike Dean spotted a shirt pull by Luis Boa Morte on Steven Reid and Odemwingie slotted the spot-kick into Green's bottom left-hand corner.

The lead lasted just five minutes, however, as a piece of play typical of Albion's first half handed Scott Parker the chance to score a stunning equaliser.

Scharner was caught in possession by Carlton Cole and, although the Austrian tried to recover his error, the challenge broke for Parker to lash a wonderful drive into the top corner from 25 yards to level two minutes from the break.

The tables were turned completely just four minutes after the restart with a penalty award that carried a whiff of Dean cancelling out his earlier decision.

A loose ball broke for Kieron Dyer in the box and he went down in a coming-together with Gabriel Tamas.

There appeared to be little force behind Tamas's challenge but the official pointed to the spot and Frederic Piquionne drilled the penalty past Scott Carson, despite the keeper's attempts to out-psyche the striker.

The Baggies' urgency increased as they sought a route back into a game that had got away from them quickly.

Thomas made two jinking runs but one ended with a shot from the corner of the area that was dragged well wide and the other with a hefty challenge from Lars Lacobsen.

But Di Matteo's men were slow to learn their earlier lessons and, when Ibanez was sloppy in possession, the Hammers broke with Dyer's clever flick finding Piquionne, whose cross-shot flew just wide of the far post when he really should have scored.

That could have killed Albion off but the visitors gradually worked their way back into the game.

Di Matteo introduced Simon Cox with 23 minutes remaining to add an extra goal threat to his side and the move almost paid off immediately when the former Swindon man controlled a loose ball with his first touch of the game and fired a fraction wide with his second.

Odemwingie also tried his luck with a powerful snap-shot from the corner of the area but it presented Green with an easy catch.

Albion's pressure paid off with 19 minutes remaining, however, thanks to some fabulous talent from Brunt and a piece of composure by Ibanez.

Brunt's left-wing corner was half-cleared but returned to him and his stunning left-footed cross found the unmarked Ibanez, who netted a fine far-post header that gave Green no chance.

The game became disjointed in the closing stages as West Ham, with just one win all season, became increasingly desperate and the Baggies had a few more uncertain moments at the back.

But it was the visitors who looked more likely winners in the closing moments, forcing a string of corners and almost sending Odemwingie clear in the last 10 minutes.

His run was halted cynically by ex-Baggie defender Danny Gabbidon, who might on another night have seen a red card instead of yellow for pulling back the Baggies' leading goalscorer.

But the final whistle brought smiles of satisfaction to Albion faces as another tricky away-day brought another handy result and another point in the bag. And another sticky situation brought another fine response.

It is all becoming rather predictable.

But Baggies fans don't want the habit kicked any time soon.

New hope and purpose at Villa Park

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EVER since Martin O'Neill shook Villa Park to its foundations with his dramatic walk-out, the club has been searching for a fresh identity.

It may have just found it.

Out of the muted early weeks of Gerard Houllier's regime, there came on Saturday 31 minutes of football which flooded the old stadium with renewed hope, purpose and direction.

It was inspired by a new generation of players who had the temerity to grab the shirt collars of mighty Manchester United and shake them until two goals fell out. With them, came the prospect of Villa's first home win over Sir Alex Ferguson's empire since the opening day of the 1995-96 season but this being United, it didn't quite pan out that way.

The lion of English football has not earned its fabled reputation by tame surrender which, for the bulk of the second-half of this memorable match, it looked likely to offer. They duly roared back with two goals of their own.

But the momentum of the occasion was Villa's.

This is a classic fixture in the Premier League lexicon, packed with colour and staged in a stadium which comes to life when these two old clubs square up to each other. This age has largely been a story of United domination but the lasting image of this game will surely be the fearless and audacious football of Villa's youngsters, led by the outstanding Marc Albrighton, which forced Sir Alex Ferguson to concede later: "We could have conceded six in the second half."

Villa winger Marc Albrighton jumps for joy after beating Edwin Van der Sar to put his side two up

Inspiring

More significantly, it at last gives the Houllier era something to get its teeth into. Although many supporters were underwhelmed by the Frenchman's appointment and haven't seen much since then to persuade them otherwise, this was different. Fresh, invigourating, inspiring; Villa Park once more sensed a way forward.

It was easily the high point of Houllier's regime so far although it is only fair to record that he was dealt a weak hand when he arrived at the table.

Villa are in retreat from the comparatively big spending of the O'Neill regime which we can now see reached its zenith last season with the double Wembley visit and a sixth-place finish.

A new style of management has arrived bringing a new way of playing but one which must be financed from more modest outlays.

Many of the O'Neill regulars – and not-so regulars – will be moved on but Houllier must manoeuvre his way through this transition without risking a relegation scare.

Which brings us back to Albrighton and Co for it is clear that great responsibility is now thrust on their shoulders to facilitate this shift in Villa's future planning.

With injuries piling up – Houllier now has a full team of absentees – the manager had no choice but to commit Saturday's challenge to the young players who coaches Gordan Cowans and Kevin MacDonald were quietly grooming throughout the O'Neill years while privately doubting their young charges would ever get an opportunity.

And Fergie's eyes must have lit up wide when he saw the team sheet.

His current first XI, also deprived of key personnel by injury, is by no means the strongest United he has sent into battle but he could only have envisaged a game symbolised by Duncan Fletcher and Michael Carrick towering over Barry Bannan and Jonathan Hogg during the pre-match handshakes.

In the end, Fergie got out of Villa Park grateful indeed for a draw and while Villa spent the weekend chewing on their collapse to United's panic-driven pressure in the final 15 minutes, I bet they turned up for training today with a spring in their step.

Particularly Albrighton, who delivered the finest performance of his brief career to date and in doing so gave a display of modern day wing-play which was nigh-on perfect.

It had pace and threat, great energy, a huge defensive input when Villa needed it, a goal, a near miss and an array of demanding crosses. Fabio Capello may have decided that one West Midlands-based winger, Matt Jarvis at Wolves, is not to his liking but he may as well hang around because there's another demanding his attention now.

Bannan should be around to keep the taxi drivers in Birmingham busy for a while too.

The Scot, striving to prove there is still room for the gifted, touch play of a little 'un in this land of giants, is so comfortable in possession it promises to win him his battle. The pass which released Stewart Downing in the thrilling counter-attack which brought about Villa's second goal may have looked simple but required absolute precision in timing and touch.

He provided both. Never mind Blackpool – talents such as Bannan's are the breath of fresh air this Premier League of monstrous athletes requires.

Albrighton and Bannan may be the outstanding pupils of the class; it is for others, such as Ciaran Clark, Hogg, Nathan Delfouneso, Eric Lichaj et al to match their lead.

Bond

But they have given Houllier and Villa fans a common cause, the chance to bond in the mutual belief that there is purpose once more at a club left aimless and drifting by O'Neill's ill-timed exit.

For the record, Villa spent the opening 30 minutes fending off United before hinting at what was to come before the interval. The energy and drive which then caught their visitors cold not only brought about goals for Ashley Young, from the penalty spot, and Albrighton but two other efforts which rattled Edwin van der Sar's woodwork.

Federico Macheda then did what he always does – arrives as a substitute to score against Villa – before Nemanja Vidic completed the recovery reminding us all that with the promise of youth comes the problem of experience.

It is a problem Houllier will not mind having after watched Villa's season – and perhaps his reign – come to life.

On Sunday Villa go to Ewood Park where Sam Allardyce's Blackburn are certain to make life difficult.

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'We're not dropping our heads,' says captain Carson

SKIPPER Scott Carson is confident Albion's dip has not damaged spirits within the dressing room.

Defeat at Wigan on Saturday made it one point from the last four games, a sequence triggered by that unfortunate turn of events at Blackpool a fortnight ago. But with 'bogey' team Stoke City heading for The Hawthorns this weekend, Carson reflects the calm of head coach Roberto Di Matteo as he insists heads will not drop.

Carson said: "It's one point out of four games, which isn't as well as we have been doing, but we have still got 16 points on the board and a lot of games to play.

"We're definitely not dropping our heads or getting too disappointed because there are a still a lot of games we think we can win. There will be a lot of important games between now and New Year."

The keeper also believes the 'no panic' message is shared by fans whose support at Wigan on Saturday he described as "magnificent."

More than 3,500 Albion fans made the trip and Carson said: "I thought the fans were superb on Saturday.

"We had a good start and maybe people can get a bit carried away but at the end of the game the fans were still singing and shouting and clapping us off. That was nice to see because they could have got a little bit disappointed and not given us the support we needed. But they were absolutely superb.

"It was probably a dull game for people watching. I think I only had to make one save, which was in the last minute when we were chasing the game.

"It's another big game on Saturday."

Wayne Rooney with Tipton's Coke Zero Street Striker finalist Alando Lewis

Alando impresses England star to join Street Striker final 14

TIPTON teenager Alando Lewis has made it through to the final 14 in England and Manchester United star Wayne Rooney's TV search for the best street striker.

Coke Zero Street Striker kicked off on Sky 1 on Sunday with 20 young hopefuls, including 17-year-old Alando Lewis and 23-year-old Craig Beresford, of Smethwick, aiming to impress with their football skills.

The eventual winner will get a once in a lifetime opportunity to train with the legendary Boca Juniors in Argentina.

In the first episode, Wayne and his team scouted the country to find the best young street footballers with the skills and talent to compete for one of 20 places on the show.

Challengers

The 100 challengers were judged by Rooney, who picked his best 20 to go forward to compete in the most feared Coke Zero Street Striker test of skill, the Tyre Challenge.

The top 20 young players had to overcome their nerves to perform in front of a live audience to secure their place in the next round.

At the end of the show 20 contestants were cut to just 14 by Rooney for this Sunday's second episode, showing on Sky 1 and Sky 1HD at 7pm

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No need to press the panic button

WIGAN 1
ALBION 0

GOOD news was in short supply on Saturday for Roberto Di Matteo.

His jaded-looking team were beaten on Saturday by a teenager he wanted to buy, most of their close rivals collected points and several of his key players woke on Monday morning in remote corners of the world for international friendlies.

Oh, and Albion's ultimate bogey side are due in town on Saturday fresh from a rousing victory over Liverpool.

Crumbs of comfort were thin on the ground for the Baggies after their worst weekend so far back in the Premier League.

Thankfully, Di Matteo is an unflappable character who will retain a level head – and his team's supporters would do well to take a leaf from the Italian's book.

So impressive was the Baggies' flying start to their latest top-flight challenge, it was easy for fans to forget just how tough the Premier League can be.

They do not have to think back too far, however, for a reminder.

Two seasons ago they reached the equivalent stage of Tony Mowbray's Premier League campaign five points worse off than they find themselves now, bottom of the table with three 3-0 defeats and a 4-0 hammering at Manchester United already on their record.

They had not beaten Arsenal, or drawn at Manchester United. They had won just twice at home.

At this juncture in 2005-06 they were five points short of their current target, too, while in the 'Great Escape' season they were seven points adrift.

All these statistics are proof, if it were needed, that while Saturday in Wigan was disappointing, it was hardly the calamity that certain sections of the kneejerk internet message board and radio phone-in 'chatterati' believe.

It's unlikely that super-cool Italian Di Matteo does impersonations. But if he did he might have been tempted to dust off his best Michael Winner on Saturday even to implore the nervous elements of the Baggies fanbase to 'calm down'.

In fairness, the impressive travelling army of more than 3,000 Albion followers were a good deal more appreciative as they applauded their team from the field despite a frustrating defeat and a desperately disappointing game.

As a spectacle, this game was fortunate to make it onto Match of the Day before the closing credits. A cagey approach from both sides meant they landed roughly as many blows as found the target in the heavyweight 'contest' some 20 miles away in Manchester.

Crucial

Yet Albion were 20 minutes and one moment of improved concentration away from collecting a solid point that would have sent Di Matteo into international week with a satisfied smile.

Such are the fine margins which dictate Premier League results and change moods and which, in truth, have favoured Albion at crucial moments earlier this season.

The biggest frustration for Di Matteo and his staff came from the fact his team shot themselves in the foot with a piece if disorganisation after getting so much right defensively as their attacking players failed to fire over 90 minutes for the first time this season.

The Latics winner arrived from an Albion free-kick 20 minutes from full-time. Just 15 seconds elapsed between Chris Brunt delivering a free-kick from just outside the Wigan area and Victor Moses beating Scott Carson with a clinical low shot at the other end.

In that time Hendry Thomas cleared his lines, Nicky Shorey and James Morrison failed to get to grips with Charles N'Zogbia, the Frenchman recovered from a stumble and fed Moses, who did the rest.

And, on a day when neither side gave an inch, that one Baggies slip-up was all it took to settle things.

The first-half had delivered a complete lack of drama and a dearth of quality in crucial positions.

Peter Odemwingie's pace caused Wigan occasional problems and, when he rounded Ronnie Stam on 26 minutes, he could have done more than pull the ball back into a vacant penalty area.

And Antolin Alcaraz went closest for the hosts, heading over the bar from N'Zogbia's corner.

After the interval James Morrison tested Ali Al Habsi in the Wigan goal and the Baggies might have had a penalty when Odemwingie was fouled by Steven Caldwell.

They got a free-kick instead, and Al Habsi was not called into action.

Moses struck, prompting a late surge from the Baggies that delivered a couple of goalmouth scrambles but little genuine threat.

And that was that.

A third defeat in four matches made it a frustrating weekend for Di Matteo, results elsewhere aggravated the problems and the sight of Stoke looming on the horizon would hardly have helped his mood. But Baggies fans can be certain he won't be panicking.

TALKING POINT

HOW MUCH WILL ALBION REGRET NOT LANDING VICTOR MOSES? The Baggies could have done little more to lure the talented teenager to The Hawthorns in January.

In fact, they came agonisingly close to securing his signature before the lure of guaranteed Premier League football and Wigan's extra spending power took him to the DW Stadium.

But Saturday brought signs that the raw potential Albion identified is beginning to blossom with the Latics as he capped a lively display with the match-winning strike. And, if Moses continues to develop, the Baggies might rue the day they came so near and yet so far to signing him.

Next three games...

STOKE (H) NOV 20
Albion's bogey team arrive at The Hawthorns for a game the Baggies need to win to ease the nerves that have reared their head among fans following their recent run of results.

EVERTON (A) NOV 27
The improving Toffees will provide a tough test but memories of the Emirates Stadium and Old Trafford should give Albion some confidence for the trip to Goodison.

IPSWICH (A) DEC 1
The Carling Cup is getting serious now as Wembley looms and victory against Roy Keane's Championship outfit at Portman Road would put the Baggies into the last four.

Roberto Di Matteo shares a joke with Wigan manager Roberto Martinez

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South Sandwell Consortium

Students who attend the **South Sandwell Consortium** have helped develop a new online Support Resource Site for Post 16. Their request for more resources to help them with their studies, led to the **innovative** online Post 16 Portal being unveiled this week via the Learning Gateway.

"We want more"

"Students' suggestions were really invaluable and the request for them to be able to access teacher and Academy resources from home was top of their list" said Ryan Guest, Lead Developer on this project.

"We worked hard on organising the resources so that they were easy to access. A teacher just uploads their resources at a click of a button and moments later students can get to them from home, or wherever they have internet access. It's making learning extend beyond the classroom. Lessons don't have to finish when the bell goes."

"Top Demand"

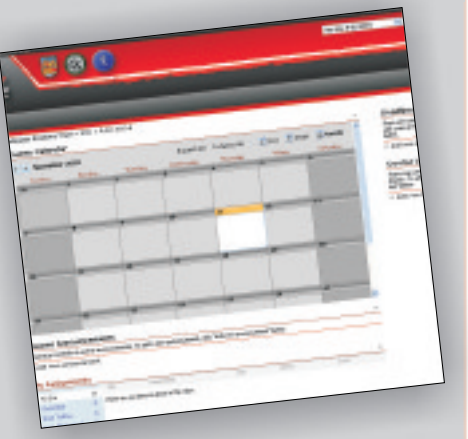
"The drive for this to happen has very much come from the students," says Sir Mark Grundy, Executive Principal for the Collegiate Academy Trust.

"They place a great importance on working outside of school time and being able to continue their studies through the Gateway's Post 16 Site, can only benefit their efforts."

"Work outside of school time"

Post 16 Portal

Staff at all 3 campuses have just launched the revamped site and are really pleased at how enthusiastic students have been with this new approach.



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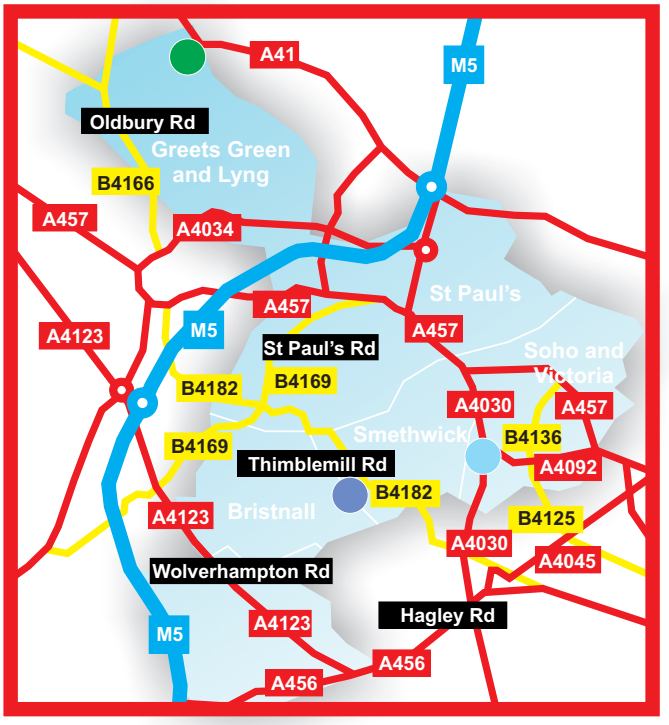

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